
Pension status

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000121 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 30-JUN-97
Definition: Whether or not a person is in receipt of a pension and the nature of that pension (note that this does not mean the pension is necessarily the recipient's main source of income).
Context: This data element is likely to be a factor in determining equity of services and could be a surrogate indicator of income.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: NOVAL Select code from Public psychiatric hospitals or Nursing homes classification as shown in Guide for use.
Guide For Use: Public psychiatric hospitals
 1 Aged
 2 Repatriation
 3 Invalid
 4 Unemployment benefit
 5 Sickness benefit
 6 Other
 9 Not stated

Nursing homes
Aged
- Full pension (but without supplementary assistance)

- Full pension plus supplementary assistance
 - Part pension
- Repatriation
Invalid
Other
None

Related metadata: has been superseded by Pension status - residential aged care residents version 2
has been superseded by Pension status - psychiatric patients version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation:

Comments: Both Psychiatric and Nursing Homes Working Parties agreed that this item should be included in national minimum data sets.

The Psychiatric Working Party considered that pension status was a more important item for psychiatric hospitals than employment status.

A substantial proportion of the consumers of public psychiatric services are people whose sole or major source of income is some form of pension or Commonwealth benefit. As reported in the Eisen and Wolfenden study (1988), the Commonwealth plays a major role in assisting people with psychiatric disability through its income security arrangements. Collection of pension status type data will facilitate analysis of the total resource allocation to psychiatric care in Australia. At another level it will also provide some insights into community needs, particularly in regard to vocational rehabilitation for psychiatrically disabled people.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Insurance / benefit characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
