Indirect health care expenditure

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

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- Definition: Expenditures on health care that cannot be directly related to programs operated by a particular establishment (that is, can only be indirectly related to particular establishments). To be provided at the State level but disaggregated into patient transport services, public health and monitoring services, central and statewide support services, central administrations and other indirect health care expenditure.
 - Context: Health expenditure:

To improve and substantiate financial reporting in relation to indirect health care expenditure and assist in understanding differences in costs for similar establishments in different States and regions, due to differences in the extent to which support services and other services to residents/inpatients and outpatients of establishments may be provided by the establishment itself or by other bodies.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric	
Representational form:	QUANTITATIVE VALUE	
Representation layout:	\$999,999,999	
Minimum Size:	2	
Maximum Size:	12	
Data Domain:	NOVAL Australian dollars to the nearest whole dollar	
Guide For Use: Record values up to hundreds of millions of dollars.		

Indirect health care expenditure is to be reported separately for each of the following categories:

1 Patient transport services:

Public or registered non-profit organisations which provide patient transport (or ambulance) for services associated with inpatient or residential episodes at residential establishments within the scope of this data set.

This category excludes patient transport services provided by other types of establishments (for example, public hospitals) as part of their normal services. This category includes centralised and statewide patient transport services (for example, Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade) which operate independently of individual inpatient establishments.

2 Public health and monitoring services:

Public or registered non-profit services and organisations with centralised, statewide or national public health or monitoring services. These include programs concerned primarily with preventing the occurrence of diseases and mitigating their effect, and includes such activities as mass chest X-ray campaigns, immunisation and vaccination programs, control of communicable diseases, ante-natal and post-natal clinics, preschool and school medical services, infant welfare clinics, hygiene and nutrition advisory services, food and drug inspection services, regulation of standards of sanitation, guarantine services, pest control, anti-cancer, anti-drug and antismoking campaigns and other programs to increase public awareness of disease symptoms and health hazards, occupational health services, Worksafe Australia, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Included here would be child dental services comprising expenditure incurred (other than by individual establishments) or dental examinations, provision of preventive and curative dentistry, dental health education for infants and school children and expenditure incurred in the training of dental therapists.

3 Central and statewide support services:

Public or registered services which provide central or statewide support services for residential establishments within the scope of this data set. These include central pathology services, central linen services and frozen food services and blood banks provided on a central or statewide basis such as Red Cross.

4 Central administrations:

Expenditures relating to central health administration, research and planning for central and regional offices of State, Territory and Commonwealth health authorities and related departments (for example, the Department of Veterans' Affairs).

5 Other:

Any other indirect health care expenditure as defined above not catered for in the above categories. This might include such things as family planning and parental health counselling services and expenditure incurred in the registration of notifiable diseases and other medical information.

Administrative Attributes

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Comments: Resources Working Party members were concerned about the possibility that double-counting of programs at the hospital and again at the State level and were also concerned at the lack of uniformity between States. Where possible expenditure relating to programs operated by hospitals should be at the hospital level.

Data Element LinksInformation Model Entities linked to this Data ElementNHIMRecurrent expenditureData Agreements which include this Data Element

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