
Admitted patient election status

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000415 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: Accommodation chargeable status elected by patient on admission.
Context: Admitted patient care.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 1 Public
 2 Private

Guide For Use: At the time of, or as soon as practicable after admission to a public hospital, the patient must elect in writing to be treated as either

- a public patient;
- a private patient in single accommodation; or
- a private patient in shared accommodation.

This item is independent of patient's hospital insurance status. Private includes private-single and private-shared.

1 Public patient:
A person, eligible for Medicare, who, on admission to a recognised hospital or soon after:

- receives a public hospital service free of charge; or
- elects to be a public patient; or
- whose treatment is contracted to a private hospital.

2 Private patient:

A person who, on admission to a recognised hospital or soon after:

- elects to be a private patient treated by a medical practitioner of his or her choice; or
- elects to occupy a bed in a single room (where such an election is made, the patient is responsible for meeting certain hospital charges as well as the professional charges raised by any treating medical or dental practitioner); or
- a person, eligible for Medicare, who chooses to be admitted to a private hospital (where such a choice is made, the patient is responsible for meeting all hospital charges as well as the professional charges raised by any treating medical or dental practitioner).

Please see the various Commonwealth/State Health Care Agreements for definitions of patient(s) and patient services.

Collection Methods: Commencing with Version 9 of the Dictionary, four separate data elements Admitted patient accommodation status, Medicare eligibility status, Department of Veterans' Affairs client and Compensable status - are recorded in the Dictionary. This is because each element relates to a separate concept and requires separate information to be reported. These data elements replace the previous data elements Patient accommodation eligibility status and Compensable status.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Patient accommodation eligibility status version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation:

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Insurance / benefit characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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