
Patient accommodation eligibility status

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000118 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
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Definition: An eligible person means:
- a person who resides in Australia and whose stay in Australia is not subject to any limitation as to time imposed by law; but
- does not include a foreign diplomat or family (except where eligibility is expressly granted to such persons by the terms of a reciprocal health care agreement); or
- persons visiting Australia who are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Sweden, Malta, Italy and the Netherlands are covered by reciprocal health care agreements. However, persons from Malta or Italy are covered for six months only.

Eligible persons must enrol with Medicare before benefits can be paid.

Context: Health services: to facilitate analyses of hospital utilisation and policy relating to health care financing.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1

Data Domain: 1 Eligible public patient
 2 Eligible private patient
 3 Eligible Department of Veteran's Affairs patient
 4 Eligible other patient
 5 Ineligible patient

Guide For Use: Eligible

Public patient:

- an eligible person who, on admission to a recognised hospital or soon after, elects to be a public patient; or
- an eligible public patient whose treatment is contracted to a private hospital.

A public patient shall be entitled to receive the care and treatment referred to in accordance with the Australian Health Care Agreements without charge.

Private patient:

- an eligible 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

- an eligible person 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.

Department of Veterans' Affairs patient: an eligible person whose charges for this hospital admission are met by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Other patient: an eligible patient who does not meet the criteria for above categories; that is, not an eligible public patient, not an eligible private patient or an eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs patient. This category includes compensable patients, patients with Defence Force personnel entitlements and common law cases.

Ineligible

A person who is not eligible under Medicare.

Collection Methods: It is recognised that a patient's accommodation status may change during the hospital stay, and it is therefore recommended that this item be recorded on separation from hospital.

It is recognised that ineligible patients may be treated as public or private patients, but for data set purposes at the present time this is not considered significant. Individual State and Territory

collections may record this additional detail.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Patient accommodation status version 1
is used in conjunction with Compensable status version 2
is used in conjunction with Insurance status version 2
is used in conjunction with Type of episode of care version 3
has been superseded by Medicare eligibility status version 1
has been superseded by Admitted patient election status version 1
has been superseded by Department of Veterans' Affairs patient version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: .

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Assessment event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient care From 01-Jul-93 to 30-Jun-00
NMDS - Admitted patient mental health From 01-Jul-97 to 30-Jun-00
care
