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# Department of Veterans' Affairs patient

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000421 Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: An eligible person whose charges for this hospital admission are met by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).  
Context: Health services:  
To assist in analyses of utilisation and health care funding.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: N  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 1  
Data Domain: 1 Yes  
2 No  
Guide For Use: Refer to the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 for details of eligible DVA beneficiaries.  
Collection Methods: Whether or not charges for this episode of care are met by the DVA is routinely established as part of hospital admission processes.  
Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Patient accommodation eligibility status version 2  
relates to the data element Department of Veterans' Affairs file number version 2

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## *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:  
Source Organisation:

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Comments: Eligible veterans and war widow/widowers can receive free treatment at any public hospital, former Repatriation Hospitals (RHs) or a Veteran Partnering (VP) contracted private hospital as a private patient in a shared ward, with the doctor of their choice. Admission to a public hospital does not require prior approval from the DVA.

When treatment cannot be provided within a reasonable time in the public health system at a former RH or a private VP hospital, there is a system of contracted non-VP private hospitals which will provide care.

Admission to a contracted private hospital requires prior financial authorisation from DVA. Approval may be given to attend a non-contracted private hospital when the service is not available at a public or contracted non-VP private hospital.

In an emergency a Repatriation patient can be admitted to the nearest hospital, public or private, without reference to DVA.

If an eligible veteran or war widow/widower chooses to be treated under Veterans' Affairs arrangements, which includes obtaining prior approval for non-VP private hospital care, DVA will meet the full cost of their treatment.

### *Data Element Links*

#### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Insurance / benefit characteristic

#### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

NMDS - Admitted patient care From 01-Jul-00 to 30-Jun-01

NMDS - Non-admitted patient emergency department care From 01-Jul-03 to