
Anticipated patient election status

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
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Definition: Accommodation chargeable status nominated by the patient when placed on an elective surgery waiting list.
Context: Elective surgery waiting times

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: The election status nominated by the patient at the time of being placed on an elective surgery waiting list, to be treated as either:
- a public patient; or
- a private patient

This item is independent of patient's hospital insurance status. The definitions of a public and private patient are those in the 1998-2003 Australian Health Care Agreements:

1. Public patient: an eligible person who receives or elects to receive a public hospital service free of charge.
2. Private patient: an eligible person who elects to be treated as a private patient; and elects to be responsible for paying fees of the type referred to in clause 57 (clause 58 of the Northern Territory Agreement) of the Australian Health Care Agreements.

Clause 57 states that "Private patients and ineligible persons may be charged an amount for public hospital services as determined by the State".

Patients whose charges are to be met by the Department of Veterans' Affairs are regarded as private patients.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee.

Comments: Anticipated election status may be used for the management of elective surgery waiting lists, but the term is not defined under the 1998-2003 Australian Health Care Agreements. Under the Australian Health Care Agreements, patients are required to elect to be treated as a public or private patient, at the time of, or as soon as practicable after admission. Therefore, the anticipated patient election status is not binding on the patient and may vary from the election the patient makes on admission.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Planning event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
