Episode of admitted patient care—patient election status, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Admitted patient election status |
| METEOR identifier: | 326619 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 23/10/2006  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 08/09/2016 |
| Definition: | Accommodation chargeable status elected by a patient on [**admission**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327206), as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Episode of admitted patient care—patient election status](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/339069) |
| Value Domain: | [Admitted patient election status code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/339071) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Public |
|  | 2 | Private |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Public patient:  A person, eligible for Medicare, who receives or elects to receive a public hospital service free of charge.  Includes: patients in public psychiatric hospitals who do not have the choice to be treated as a private patient. Also includes overseas visitors who are covered by a reciprocal health care agreement, and who elect to be treated as public patients.  Private patient:  A person who elects to be treated as a private patient and elects to be responsible for paying fees for the type referred to in clause 49 of the Australian Health Care Agreements (2003–2008).  Clause 49 states that:  Private patients, compensable patients and ineligible persons may be charged an amount for public hospital services as determined by (the state or territory).  All patients in private hospitals (other than those receiving public hospital services and electing to be treated as a public patient) are private patients.  Includes: all patients who are charged (regardless of the level of the charge) or for whom a charge is raised for a third party payer (for example, Department of Veterans’ Affairs and Compensable patients). Also includes patients who are Medicare ineligible and receive public hospital services free of charge at the discretion of the hospital, and prisoners, who are Medicare ineligible while incarcerated. |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Australian Health Care Agreements 2003–08 state that eligible persons are to be given the choice to receive, free of charge as public patients, health and emergency services.  At the time of, or as soon as practicable after, admission for a public hospital service, the patient must elect in writing to be treated as either  - a public patient or - a private patient  This item is independent of the patient’s hospital insurance status and room type.  Notes: Inability to sign: In cases where the patient is unable to complete the patient election form, the patient should be assumed to be a public patient.  Compensation funding decisions: A patient may be recorded as a public patient as an interim patient election status while the patient’s compensable status is being decided.  Inter-hospital contracted care: If the patient receives inter-hospital contracted care the following guidelines can be used if no further information is available:   * If the patient received contracted care that was purchased by a public hospital then it will be assumed that they elected to be treated as a public patient. * If the patient received contracted care that was purchased by a private hospital then it will be assumed that they elected to be treated as a private patient. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Admitted patient care NMDS Technical Reference Group |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Episode of admitted patient care—elected accommodation status, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270044)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 23/10/2006 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Admitted patient care admission related data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/743790)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 10/11/2023  [Admitted patient care admission related data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/785673)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 10/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025  [Admitted patient care admission related data elements (TDLU) cluster (Private Hospitals)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/786779)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 20/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2007-08](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/339089)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/02/2008  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2007 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2008  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-09](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/361679)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 04/02/2009  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2008 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2009  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2009-10](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/374205)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 22/12/2009  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2009 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2010  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2010-11](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/386797)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 18/01/2011  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2010 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2011  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2011-12](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/426861)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 11/04/2012  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2011 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2012  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/466132)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/05/2013  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2012 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2013  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491555)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 11/04/2014  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/535047)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/11/2014  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2014 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2015  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2015-16](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/588909)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 10/11/2015  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2016  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612171)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/10/2016  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/641349)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/676382)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2019-20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699728)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 18/12/2019  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/713850)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/02/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2021–22](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/728439)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/10/2021  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2022–23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/742173)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/12/2022  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2023–24](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/756111)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024  [Admitted patient care NMDS 2024–25](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775630)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2024 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025  [Mother delivery related data elements (TDLU) cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/786617)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 17/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/662710)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 10/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/667734)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 10/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689879)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 12/04/2019  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715026)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 17/06/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2020](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/729751)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2020 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2021  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2021](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/740979)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2021 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2022  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2022](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/761036)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 22/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2023](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774449)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 22/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024  [Tasmanian Perinatal Data Set - 2023](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774938)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 23/11/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024 |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Disaggregation** [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of colonoscopy hospitalisations per 100,000 people, 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709340)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of gastroscopy hospitalisations per 100,000 people, 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709366)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of thyroidectomy hospitalisations per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2014-15 to 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709436)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Qualified 13/12/2018  [Caesarean section at less than 37, 38 and 39 completed weeks gestation without medical or obstetric indication, 2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/723681)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021  [Caesarean section or induction of labour at less than 37, 38 and 39 completed weeks gestation without medical or obstetric indication, 2017](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/724678)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05-Induction of labour for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/557087)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/02/2016  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 05—Induction of labour for selected women giving birth for the first time (2016)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613182)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/09/2018  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06-Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/557089)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/02/2016  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 06—Caesarean section for selected women giving birth for the first time (2016)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613184)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/09/2018  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07-Normal (non-instrumental) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/557091)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/02/2016  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 07—Normal (non-instrumental) vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2016)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613186)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/09/2018  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08-Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2013)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/557093)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 02/02/2016  [National Core Maternity Indicators: PI 08—Instrumental vaginal birth for selected women giving birth for the first time (2016)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613188)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/09/2018  [Number of lumbar spinal decompression (excluding lumbar spinal fusion) hospitalisations per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2012-13 to 2014-15 and 2015-16 to 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/724433)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021  [Number of lumbar spinal fusion (excluding lumbar spinal decompression) hospitalisations per 100,000 people, aged 18 years and over, 2012-13 to 2014-15 and 2015-16 to 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/736411)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021  [Number of lumbar spinal fusion (with or without lumbar spinal decompression) hospitalisations per 100,000 people, aged 18 years and over, 2012-13 to 2014-15 and 2015-16 to 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/724443)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021  [Number of myringotomy hospitalisations per 100,000 people aged 17 years and under, 2012-13, 2015-16 and 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/725734)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021  [Number of tonsillectomy hospitalisations per 100,000 people aged 17 years and under, 2012-13, 2015-16 and 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/723655)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021 |