

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Admitted patient election status
METEOR identifier:	326619
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Health, Recorded 16/07/2015• Health, Standard 23/10/2006• Tasmanian Health, Standard 08/09/2016
Definition:	Accommodation chargeable status elected by a patient on admission , as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Episode of admitted patient care—patient election status

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code						
Data type:	Number						
Format:	N						
Maximum character length:	1						
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Public</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Private</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Public	2	Private
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1	Public						
2	Private						

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.

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](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 23/10/2006

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Admitted patient care admission related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 18/05/2021

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2007-08 Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2008

Implementation start date: 01/07/2007

Implementation end date: 30/06/2008

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2008-09 Health](#), Superseded 04/02/2009

Implementation start date: 01/07/2008

Implementation end date: 30/06/2009

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2009-10 Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

Implementation end date: 30/06/2010

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2010-11 Health](#), Superseded 18/01/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

Implementation end date: 30/06/2011

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2011-12 Commonwealth Department of Health](#),
Recorded 16/07/2015
[Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2012

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2012-13 Health](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2013-14Health](#), Superseded 11/04/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2014-15Health](#), Superseded 13/11/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2015-16Health](#), Superseded 10/11/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2015

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2016-17Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2017-18Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2018-19ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate
09/08/2018
[Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2019-20Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2020–21Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2021–22Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2022–23Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2023–24Health](#), Recorded 11/08/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

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[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2016Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2016

Implementation end date: 30/06/2017

[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2017Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/01/2018

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[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2018Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 12/04/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

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[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2019 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded
17/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

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[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2020 Tasmanian Health](#), Standard
10/07/2020

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