

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16-People deferring access to GPs, medical specialists or prescribed medications due to cost, 2011

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 16-People deferring access to GPs, medical specialists or prescribed medications due to cost, 2011
METEOR identifier:	402433
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 30/10/2011
Description:	Proportion of people who required treatment but deferred that treatment due to cost, by type of health service
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2011) Health , Superseded 31/10/2011
Outcome area:	Primary and Community Health Health , Standard 07/07/2010
Quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16-People deferring access to GPs, medical specialists or prescribed medications due to cost, 2011 QS Health, Superseded 04/12/2012

Collection and usage attributes

Population group age from:	15 years
Computation description:	Population is limited to persons aged 15 years and over. Analysis by remoteness and SEIFA Indicator of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD) is based on usual residence of person. Presented as a percentage.
Computation:	100 x (numerator ÷ denominator) calculated separately for each type of treatment (GP, medical specialist, prescribed medication).

Numerator:

(a) Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a GP in the last 12 months because of cost.

(b) Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a medical specialist in the last 12 months because of cost.

(c) Number of persons who reported delaying or not getting a prescription filled for medication in the last 12 months because of cost.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Number of persons who reported delaying or not getting a prescription filled for medication in the last 12 months

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a GP in the last 12 months

Data Source

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Number of persons who reported delaying or not seeing a medical specialist in the last 12 months

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Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Reason for delaying or not seeking treatment

Data Source

[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Survey

Denominator:

- (a) Total Australian population aged 15 years and over.
- (b) Total number of persons aged 15 years and over who received a written referral to a specialist by a GP in the last 12 months.
- (c) Total number of persons aged 15 years and over who received a prescription for medication from a GP in the last 12 months.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element
Person—age

Data Source
[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use
Data source type: Survey and census-based

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element
Total number of persons who received a prescription for medication from a GP in the last 12 months

Data Source
[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use
Data source type: Survey and census-based

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element
Total number of persons who received a written referral to a specialist by a GP in the last 12 months.

Data Source
[ABS Patient Experience Survey \(PEX\)](#)

Guide for use
Data source type: Survey and census-based

Disaggregation:

- 2009—State and Territory, by type of treatment (GP, medical specialist, prescribed medication)
- 2009—Nationally by type of treatment (GP, medical specialist, prescribed medication), by:
 - remoteness
 - SEIFA Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintiles.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set
Data Element
Type of treatment
Data Source
ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEX)
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Data source type: Survey

Data Element / Data Set
Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2009) NNNNN
Data Source
ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEX)
Guide for use
Data source type: Survey
Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA IRSD

Comments: Referrals to medical specialists exclude referrals for pathology and imaging.
Most recent data available for 2011 CRC report: 2009

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage
Data type: Real
Unit of measure: Person
Format: N[NN.NN]

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source
ABS Patient Experience Survey (PEX)
Frequency
Annual
Data custodian
Australian Bureau of Statistics

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Interim

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: P16-People deferring recommended treatment due to financial barriers, 2010](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16-People deferring access to selected healthcare due to cost, 2012](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2011](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 25-Specialist services, 2011](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 26-Dental services, 2011](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 58-Patient satisfaction/experience, 2011](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 60-Access to services by type of service compared to need, 2011](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011