

Service event—type of Medicare billing, code A

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Medicare bill type
METEOR identifier:	604388
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Health, Standard 14/10/2015
Definition:	The type of Medicare billing issued for the provided service, as represented by a code.

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code						
Data type:	String						
Format:	A						
Maximum character length:	1						
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>D</td><td>Direct billed (bulk billed)</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>Patient billed</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	D	Direct billed (bulk billed)	P	Patient billed
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Direct billed (bulk billed) claims are when the provider of the service accepts the Medicare benefit as full payment for the service.

This occurs when the patient assigns their right to the benefit to the provider. There is no out-of-pocket cost for these services (unless a bulk-billing co-payment is applied).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Medicare Benefits Schedule \(MBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14 Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

Variable name = BILLTYPECD