

# Patient—hospital insurance status, code N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Element

**Short name:** Hospital insurance status

**METEOR identifier:** 647326

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 23/06/2020

**Definition:** Hospital insurance as represented by a code under one of the following categories:

- Registered insurance - hospital insurance with a health insurance fund registered under the *National Health Act 1953* (Cwth)
- General insurance - hospital insurance with a general insurance company under a guaranteed renewable policy providing benefits similar to those available under registered insurance
- No hospital insurance or benefits coverage under the above.

**Data Element Concept:** [Patient—hospital insurance status](#)

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Code

**Data type:** Number

**Format:** N

**Maximum character length:** 1

**Permissible values:**

Value	Meaning
1	Hospital insurance
2	No hospital insurance

**Supplementary values:**

Value	Meaning
9	Unknown

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** CODE 2 No hospital insurance  
This code refers to persons covered by insurance for benefits of ancillary services.

CODE 9 Unknown  
This code should not be used in primary collections but can be used to record unknown insurance status in databases.

This metadata item is to determine whether the patient has hospital insurance, not their method of payment for the episode of care.

**Comments:**

Insurance status was reviewed and modified to reflect changes to new private health insurance arrangements under the *Health Legislation (Private Health Insurance Reform) Amendment Act 1995*.

Employee health benefits schemes became illegal with the implementation of Schedule 2 of the private health insurance reforms, effective on 1 October 1995.

Under Schedule 4 of the private health insurance reforms, on 1 July 1997, the definition of the 'basic private table' or 'basic table', and 'supplementary hospital table' and any references to these definitions was omitted from the *National Health Act 1953*. All hospital tables offered by registered private health insurers since 29 May 1995 have been referred to as 'Applicable Benefits Arrangements' and marketed under the insurer's own product name.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Patient—hospital insurance status, code N](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

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

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

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2017

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2018

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

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*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2019

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

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

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

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**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

[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 - 2020Tasmanian Health](#), Standard  
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