
Hospital insurance status

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000075 Version number: 3
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: Hospital insurance under one of the following categories:
Registered insurance - hospital insurance with a health insurance fund registered under the National Health Act 1953 (C'wlth)
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.
Context: To assist in analysis of utilisation and health care financing.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: N
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 1
Data Domain: 1 Hospital insurance
 2 No hospital insurance
 9 Unknown

Guide For Use: Persons covered by insurance for benefits of ancillary services only are included in 2 - no hospital insurance.

The 'unknown' category should not be used in primary collections but can be used to record unknown insurance status in databases.

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

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Insurance status version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

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.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Insurance / benefit characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Admitted patient care From 01-Jul-00 to
