

QHAPDC Private Facility Services Summary of Changes 2026-27

Queensland Hospital
Admitted Patient Data
Collection (QHAPDC)

Summary of changes

Please be advised that the following changes will be implemented in the Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC) for the 2026-27 collection period to meet Queensland Health, state and national reporting requirements. Applicable changes will be applied to the QHAPDC Private Facility File Format 2026-27 as referenced in the table below.

Change Description	Reference Page/s
<p>1. Diagnosis Cluster Identifier (DCID) / Cluster Coding</p> <p>All Private facilities will be required to report the associated DCID values for ICD-10-AM codes to the QHAPDC for episodes separated on or from 1 July 2026.</p> <p>Note – this will require an update to electronic systems if DCID values are not currently being recorded.</p> <p>The Independent Hospital Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) included the collection of a diagnosis cluster identifier (DCID) as part of ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 13th Edition. This was originally implemented into the 2025-26 collection period for the QHAPDC as a non-mandatory data item.</p> <p>A DCID is an alphanumeric character allocated to each ICD-10-AM code reported within an episode of care to identify and maintain the link between diagnosis codes as the data is collected, validated, processed and analysed.</p> <p>The process of allocating DCIDs to codes within admitted episodes of care is known as cluster coding.</p> <p>For further information on cluster coding and/or DCID please refer to the IHACPA website: Cluster coding IHACPA</p>	<p>Private File Format – 50</p>

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