

QHAPDC Private Facility Services Summary of Changes 2025-26

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 for the 2025-26 collection period to meet Department of Health, state and national reporting requirements. Applicable changes will be applied to the *QHAPDC Private Hospital File Format 2025-26* as referenced in the table below.

Change Description	Reference Page/s
<p>1. ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 13th Edition</p> <p>ICD-10-AM ACHI/ACS 13th Edition (including cluster coding) was formally endorsed by the <i>Independent Health and Aging Pricing Authority (IHACPA)</i> at the Jurisdictional Advisory Committee from 1 July 2025.</p> <p>The <i>National Health Data and Information Standards Committee (NHDISC)</i> endorsed the metadata changes for 13th Edition and for their inclusion for national reporting as part of the 'admitted patient care national minimum data set' (APC NMDS) 2025–26 and the Admitted patient care national best endeavours data set (APC NBEDS).</p>	<p>Private File Format – 26 and 48</p>
<p>2. Diagnosis Cluster Identifier (DCID) / Cluster Coding</p> <p>The IHACPA has included the collection of a diagnosis cluster identifier (DCID) as part of the ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 13 Edition.</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>The initial implementation advised by the IHACPA will be limited to clustering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conditions assigned with external cause codes; and • supplementary codes for chronic conditions (assigned in accordance with ACS 0003 Supplementary codes for chronic conditions). <p>Cluster coding establishes pathways for the development of future national pricing and funding models and innovation and provides the foundations for ICD-11.</p> <p>Hospitals that are able to implement cluster coding are required to report the associated DCID values to the QHAPDC. Hospitals not in a position to implement Cluster Coding are to requested to provide supplementary values.</p>	<p>Private File Format – 27 and 49</p>

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<p>For further information on cluster coding and/or DCID please refer to the IHACPA website: Cluster coding IHACPA</p>	
<p>3. AN-SNAP Primary impairment type / AN-SNAP Version 5.0</p> <p>In December 2023, the National Health Data and Information Standards Committee (NHDISC) endorsed a submission from the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) to introduce paediatric impairment codes as well as new adult impairment codes for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) for rehabilitation episodes as part of implementation of AN-SNAP Version 5.</p> <p>The IHACPA has advised that adult and paediatric impairment codes are those defined by the Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre (AROC). As per the AN-SNAP classification, paediatric episodes are those where the patient (at the time of admission), is 17 years and below, whilst adults are aged 18 years and over at time of admission.</p> <p>Due to the IHACPA providing insufficient lead time to States and Territories for user specifications on the updated impairment codes, inclusion from 1 July 2024 was not possible and was delayed until 1 July 2025.</p> <p>This change will be required for rehabilitation episodes of care for public patients (only) in private licenced facilities.</p> <p>For further information please refer to the IHACPA website: Australian National Subacute and Non-Acute Patient Classification Version 5.0 Resources IHACPA</p> <p>Episode of admitted patient care—primary impairment type, code (AROC 2022) NN.NNNN (aihw.gov.au)</p>	<p>Private File Format – 34 and 53</p>
<p>4. Update to Episode of admitted patient care – standard unit code</p> <p>Permissible values – added new code <i>PYGS Psychiatric Older Persons – Sub-Acute Inpatient</i> from 01 July 2025.</p> <p>Sub-acute specialised mental health units principally targeting the Older Person’s population (aged 65 years and over). These units provide short to medium term, 24-hour inpatient assessment and treatment for people who are experiencing episodes of mental illness and may require additional support beyond what the community environment can provide.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

For any questions relating to these changes, please contact Statistical Services Branch on email: QHIPSMAIL@health.qld.gov.au