

QHAPDC Public Hospital 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 Public Hospital Services File Format 2025-26* as referenced in the table below.

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| <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</i> (IHACPA) at the Jurisdictional Advisory Committee from 1 July 2025.</p> <p>The <i>National Health Data and Information Standards Committee</i> (NHDISC) 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> | 31 and 67 |
| <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>Clinical Coding for Queensland Public Hospital Services is expected to comply with ACS 0004 from 1 July 2025 irrespective of their PAS capability to capture the DCID code.</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. Cluster coding establishes pathways for the development of future national pricing and funding models and provides the foundations for ICD-11.</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). | 32 and 68 |

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| <p>The Healthcare Purchasing and System Performance Branch has advised that they are working with eHealth Queensland to implement changes to HBCIS and will provide training to coders in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 13 Edition (including cluster coding) for public hospitals. Advice as to when deployment of the HBCIS DCID enhancement will occur will be provided in due course.</p> <p>In terms of Mater Mothers and Mater Brisbane Hospitals that report QHAPDC data as per the public hospital services file format, should these hospitals be able to implement cluster coding, DCID values are required to be reported to the QHAPDC. Should these hospitals not in a position to implement Cluster Coding, they are requested to provide supplementary values.</p> <p>For further information on nationally on cluster coding and/or DCID please refer to the IHACPA website: Cluster coding IHACPA and IHACPA Learn.</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 IHACPA to introduce paediatric impairment codes as well as new adult impairment codes for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) 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 all public hospitals and public patients (only) in private licenced facilities.</p> <p>Primary Impairment Type will be updated from a 7 char field to an 8 char field. See QHAPDC Public Hospital Services File Format 2025-2026</p> <p>For further information please refer to the IHACPA website: Australian National Subacute and Non-Acute Patient Classification Version 5.0 Resources IHACPA Episode of admitted patient care—primary impairment type, code (AROC 2022) NN.NNNN (aihw.gov.au)</p> | 43 and 74 |
| <p>4. Update of AN-SNAP Grouper Version 5.0 to AN-SNAP Grouper Version 5.1</p> <p>Sub and non-acute care has been classified and priced using AN-SNAP V5 since 1 July 2024, in alignment with the national funding model.</p> <p>In readiness for this SSB implemented the IHACPA certified grouper (AN-SNAP Grouper V5.0) to enable data to be grouped to AN-SNAP V5 end classes.</p> <p>As of 1 July 2025, and in alignment with the introduction of the new AN-SNAP Primary Impairment Types for COVID 19 and paediatric rehabilitation into</p> | N/A |

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| <p>HBCIS (see above), the new version of the grouper (AN-SNAP Grouper V5.0.1) will be implemented. Please note, there are no changes to the end classes derived using the new grouper, only the capacity for the grouper to accept the new impairment types.</p> | |
| <p>5. Update of AR-DRG Version 10.0 to AR-DRG Version 11.0</p> <p>AR-DRG Grouper Version 11.0 to be derived and reported for episodes of care separated from 1 July 2025 onwards.</p> <p>This will ensure facilities reporting the public hospital services file format meet the requirements of the Queensland Department of Health Activity Based Funding (ABF) Model.</p> <p>Updates to the AR-DRG grouper software for public hospitals will be managed by Digital Application Services, Clinical Management, eHealth Queensland.</p> | 16 and 58 |
| <p>6. 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> | N/A |

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