



## National Efficient Price and Cost Determination 2015-16 Online Glossary

### Terms

Words and phrases used in the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) or the *National Health Reform Act 2011 (Cth)* (Act) have the same meaning when used in the Determination, and in addition:

**ABS** means the Australian Bureau of Statistics;

**Act** means the [National Health Reform Act 2011 \(Cth\)](#);

**Activity Based Funding (ABF) Activity** means an activity comprising in-scope public hospital services which will be funded by the Commonwealth in the 2015-2016 financial year in the manner described at clause A32(c) of the NHRA. ABF Activity may take the form of a Separation, Presentation or Service Event;

**Acute Patient** means a patient recorded as having a care type of 1 or 7 (see [METeOR: 270174](#));

**Adjustment** means an amount added to, or subtracted from a Price Weight, in recognition of legitimate and unavoidable variations in the cost of service delivery;

**AN-SNAP** refers to a group within the classification system known as Australian National Subacute and Non-Acute Patient classification version 3.0 (also known as AN-SNAP V3.0);

**AR-DRG** refers to a group within the classification system known as Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups version 7.0 (also known as AR-DRG V7.0);

**ASGS** refers to the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, which is the geographical framework used by the ABS;

**Bundled Price Weight** means the weight assigned to ABF Activity which is priced on a per calendar month basis. A bundled price weight applies for the specified Tier 2 non-admitted clinics at Appendix K of the NEP Determination;

**Determination** refers to the National Efficient Price Determination or National Efficient Cost Determination for 2015-16;

**Dialysis Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination;

**Emergency Department** means an area within a hospital matching all of the descriptors applicable to the levels 3B to 6 as described in Attachment 1 of this glossary;

**Emergency Service** means an area within a hospital matching all of the descriptors applicable to the levels 1 to 3A as described in Attachment 1 of this glossary;

**Indigenous Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination;

**Inner Regional** means an area that is classified as Inner Regional Australia under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (see [METeOR: 466873](#));

**Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination;

**Multidisciplinary Clinic Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination;

**Multiple Health Care Provider Indicator** is an indicator used to identify multiple health care providers for the reporting of non-admitted activity data for ABF (see [METeOR: 584616](#));

**Multiple health care providers** means three or more health care providers who deliver care either individually or jointly within a non-admitted patient service event. The health care providers may be of the same profession (medical, nursing or allied health). However, they must each have a different specialty so that the care provided by each provider is unique and meets the definition of a non-admitted patient service event;

**National Pricing Model** means the model referred to at Chapter 6 of the NEP Determination;

**NEP** means the National Efficient Price 2015-2016, as set out at Chapter 2 of the NEP Determination;

**NHCDC** means the National Hospital Cost Data Collection;

**NHDD** means the [National Health Data Dictionary](#);

**NHRA** means the [National Health Reform Agreement](#) between the Commonwealth of Australia and the States, dated 2 August 2011;

**NPHEd** means the National Public Hospital Establishments Database;

**NWAU(15)** means National Weighted Activity Unit 2015-16;

**Other non-admitted patient service** has the meaning given at Chapter 3 of the NEP Determination;

**Outer Regional** means an area that is classified as Outer Regional Australia under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (see [METeOR: 466873](#));

**Outer Regional Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination;

**Paediatric Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination;

**Presentation** has the meaning given in the NHDD for the phrase "Patient presentation at Emergency Department";

**Price Weight** means the weight assigned to an ABF Activity as set out in Appendices H – M of the NEP Determination;

**Private Patient Accommodation Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5, the rates for which are set out at Appendix F of the NEP Determination;

**Private Patient Service Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5, the rates for which are set out at Appendix F of the NEP Determination;

**Radiotherapy Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination;

**Remote** means an area that is classified as Remote Australia under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (see [METeOR: 466873](#));

**Remote Area Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination;

**Separation** has the meaning given by the NHDD for the term ‘Separation’ and is the process by which an episode of care for an admitted patient ceases;

**Service Event** has the meaning given at Chapter 3 of the NEP Determination;

**Specialised Children’s Hospital** refers to the list of public hospitals at Appendix E of the NEP Determination;

**Specialist outpatient clinic service** has the meaning given at Chapter 3 of the NEP Determination;

**Specialist Psychiatric Age Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination;

**Specified Intensive Care Units (ICU)** are Intensive Care Units that are eligible for the Intensive Care Unit Adjustment and are at Appendix D of the NEP Determination;

**State** means the State of New South Wales, the State of Victoria, the State of Queensland, the State of Western Australia, the State of South Australia, the State of Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory of Australia, as applicable;

**Subacute Patient** means a patient recorded as having a care type of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 (see [METeOR: 270174](#));

**Tier 2 Non-Admitted Service** refers to a group within the classification system known as Tier 2 Non-Admitted Services version 4.0;

**Total Psychiatric Care Days** has the meaning given by METeOR ([see METeOR 270300](#));

**UDG** refers to a group within the classification system known as Urgency Disposition Groups version 1.3 (also known as UDG V1.3);

**URG** refers to a group within the classification system known as Urgency Related Groups version 1.4 (also known as URG V1.4);

**Very Remote** means an area that is classified as Very Remote Australia or migratory under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (see [METeOR: 466873](#)); and

**Very Remote Area Adjustment** means the Adjustment of that name described at Chapter 5 of the NEP Determination.

## Interpretation

In the Determination, unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) words importing a gender include any other gender;
- (c) where any word or phrase is given a defined meaning, any other form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;
- (d) “includes” means “includes without limitation”;
- (e) a reference to a statute or other legislation (whether primary or subordinate) or to the NHDD is a reference to that statute or other legislation or the NHDD as amended from time to time; and
- (f) a reference to “\$” or “dollars” is a reference to Australian currency.

## Attachment 1 – Emergency Departments

Level	Description	
1	Services:	Able to provide first aid and treatment prior to referral to a facility able to provide a higher level of service, if necessary.
	Staffing:	Access to a medical practitioner – this may be by telephone.
	Location:	N/A
2	Services	As for Level 1. Can cope with minor injuries and ailments. Resuscitation and limited stabilisation capacity prior to referral to a facility able to provide a higher level of service.
	Staffing:	As for Level 1 (medical). Nursing staff from ward available to cover emergency presentations. Visiting medical officer (includes general practitioner) on call.
	Location:	Emergency service in a small hospital.
3A	Services:	As for Level 2
	Staffing:	As for Level 2. Designated emergency department nursing staff available 24 hours a day and nursing unit manager. Medical staff available for recall to the hospital within 20 minutes, 24 hours a day. Specialists appropriate to the role delineation of the hospital available for consultation, plus arrangements in place for other specialties. Access to allied health professionals. Specialist psychiatric/mental health assessment personnel available for consultation.
	Location:	Purpose designed area, with full resuscitation facilities in separate area such as a cubicle.
3B	Services:	As for Level 3A
	Staffing:	As for Level 2. Designated emergency department nursing staff available 24 hours a day and nursing unit manager. Medical staff available in the hospital 24 hours a day (though may have other commitments in the hospital). Specialists appropriate to the role delineation of the hospital available for consultation, plus arrangements in place for other specialties. Access to allied health professionals. Specialist psychiatric/mental health assessment personnel available for consultation.
	Location:	As for Level 3A

<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>	
4	Services:	Can manage most emergencies. Participation in regional adult retrieval system (rural base hospitals). As for Level 3B.
	Staffing:	Registered nurses with emergency nursing experience or qualifications on site 24 hours a day. Emergency department-specific medical officer(s) on site 24 hours a day. Emergency department medical director.
	Location:	As for Level 3B
5	Services:	As for Level 4. Has undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and a research program.
	Staffing:	As for Level 4. Access to clinical nurse consultant or similar. Has designated emergency department registrars on site 24 hours a day. Sub-specialists available on rosters.
	Location:	As for Level 4
6	Services:	As for Level 5. Can manage all emergencies and provide definitive care. State-wide referral role and/or major trauma centre.
	Staffing:	As for Level 5
	Location:	As for Level 5