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Rules for coding and reporting
COVID-19 for Non-admitted service
events

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1. Non-admitted care classification

Classification for non-admitted care

The classification used for non-admitted activity is the Tier 2 Non-Admitted Services Classification. Tier 2 categorises a hospital's non-admitted services into classes that are generally based on the nature of the service provided and the type of clinician providing the service.

Classification rules

Four Tier 2 classes capture activity associated with the diagnosis and treatment of patients with COVID-19 in the outpatient or non-admitted hospital setting and the provision of a COVID-19 vaccination. Full descriptions of these new classes are in Appendix 1.

Procedure clinic

IHPA has created a new Tier 2 class in the 10 series: 10.21 COVID-19 vaccination.

This class should be assigned where a hospital provides a vaccination for COVID-19.

Counting rules for procedure clinics

For COVID-19 Response purposes, services from the COVID-19 vaccination clinic (10.21) may also be reported as non-admitted patient service events if they are provided to a patient while they are admitted or registered in an emergency care setting.

Example 1

A patient attends a designated hospital hub for administration of the first dose of the COVID -19 vaccination. The patient does not receive any other care.

Outcome: This would be counted as a non-admitted patient service event for the COVID-19 vaccination clinic (10.21).

Example 2

A patient attends a Geriatric medicine clinic for a regular appointment. On the same day the patient is administered their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination at the vaccination clinic in the designated hospital hub.

Outcome: This would be counted as one non-admitted patient service event for the Geriatric medicine clinic (20.09). The vaccination dose delivery would be counted as one non-admitted patient service event for the COVID-19 vaccination clinic (10.21).

Example 3

A patient is admitted to the spinal cord rehabilitation ward. A clinician from the designated hospital hub attends the ward to administer the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination to the patient.

Outcome: This would be counted as a non-admitted patient service event for the COVID-19 vaccination clinic (10.21).

Medical consultation clinic

IHPA has created a new Tier 2 class in the 20 series: 20.57 COVID-19 response.

This class should be assigned where a clinic has been specifically set-up or is solely seeing patients for the purposes of the COVID-19 response and a medical officer or nurse practitioner provide the majority of services in the clinic.

Allied health/clinical nurse specialist clinic

IHPA has created a new Tier 2 class in the 40 series: 40.63 COVID-19 response.

This class should be assigned where a clinic has been specifically set-up or is solely seeing patients for the purposes of the COVID-19 response and an allied health professional or clinical nurse specialist provide the majority of services in the clinic.

Counting rules for medical consultation clinics and allied health/clinical nurse specialist clinics

Refer to the [Tier 2 Non-Admitted Services Compendium 2022-23](#) for the counting rules that apply.

Diagnostics clinic

IHPA has created a new Tier 2 class in the 30 series: 30.09 COVID-19 response diagnostics.

This class should be assigned where a hospital undertakes diagnostic testing as a result of the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Counting rules for diagnostic clinics

For COVID-19 Response purposes, services from diagnostic clinics (30 series) must be reported as non-admitted patient service events.

Example 4

A patient is referred by their GP for diagnostic testing as a result of suspected COVID-19. The patient attends an appointment at pathology and undergoes the diagnostic testing.

Outcome: For COVID-19 reporting purposes, this would be counted as a non-admitted patient service event for the COVID-19 response diagnostics clinic (30.09).

Example 5

A patient attends a COVID-19 response clinic and is referred for diagnostic testing as a result of suspected COVID-19, which is undertaken the same day at the pathology

service. The COVID-19 response clinic is a nurse-led clinic therefore is classified to 40.63 COVID-19 response.

Outcome: This would be counted as one non-admitted patient service event for the COVID-19 response clinic (40.63). The diagnostic testing would be counted as one non-admitted patient service event for the COVID-19 response diagnostics clinic (30.09).

Appendix 1 Tier 2 classes for COVID-19 response reporting

10.21 COVID-19 vaccination

Identifying attributes	
Number	10.21
Name	COVID-19 vaccination
Category	Procedures
Affected body part	Multiple MDCs
Definition of service	Provision of a vaccination for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

Guide for use	
Activity	<p>Inclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 vaccination dose delivery <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> delivery of treatment for confirmed, probable and suspected COVID-19 in a medical COVID-19 response clinic (20.57) delivery of treatment for confirmed, probable and suspected COVID-19 in a clinical nurse specialised / allied health COVID-19 response clinic (40.63)
Conditions	
Constraints	This class should only be used for clinics that are created to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations as part of the <i>Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)</i> and the <i>Australian Government's COVID-19 Vaccine National Roll-Out Strategy</i> .

Administrative attributes	
Source	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
Date created	28 January 2021
Date last updated	
Update source	
Reference material	https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov accessed 11 March 2020 accessed 28 January 2021

20.57 COVID-19 response

Identifying attributes	
Number	20.57
Name	COVID-19 response
Category	Medical consultation
Definition of service	Assessment, investigation, treatment and management of patients with confirmed, probable or suspected Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

Guide for use	
Activity	<p><i>Inclusions:</i></p> <p>Consultation on the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • screening • new diagnosis education • ongoing patient management and support <p><i>Exclusions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • management of respiratory conditions in a general medical respiratory clinic (20.19) • management of respiratory conditions in a general allied health/clinical nurse specialist respiratory clinic (40.40) • management of COVID-19 in an allied health/clinical nurse specialist respiratory clinic (40.63)
Conditions	
Constraints	This class should only be used for clinics that are created as part of the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Administrative attributes	
Source	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
Date created	16 March 2020
Date last updated	
Update source	
Reference material	<p>https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert accessed 30 April 2020</p> <p>https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/naming-the-coronavirus-disease-(covid-2019)-and-the-virus-that-causes-it accessed 30 April 2020</p>

30.09 COVID-19 response diagnostics

Identifying attributes	
Number	30.09
Name	COVID-19 response diagnostics
Category	Diagnostic services
Affected body part	MDC 04 Diseases and disorders of the respiratory system
Usual provider	Pathologist / Radiologist, medical diagnostic radiographer
Definition of service	Pathology collection services, the use of computerised tomography (CT) and other investigations to determine the origin, nature and causes of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Guide for use	
Activity	<p><i>Inclusions:</i></p> <p>The clinic may conduct the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collection of specimens • diagnostic testing • CT scan <p>The types of pathology include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immunopathology • microbiology
Conditions	
Constraints	<p>This class should only be used for pathology, CT scans and other diagnostic tests undertaken as a result of the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).</p> <p>Some testing may be provided as part of a medical consultation and allied health / clinical nurse specialist clinic.</p>

Administrative attributes	
Source	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
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Reference material	<p>https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert accessed 30 April 2020</p> <p>https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/naming-the-coronavirus-disease-(covid-2019)-and-the-virus-that-causes-it accessed 30 April 2020</p>

40.63 COVID-19 response

Identifying attributes	
Number	40.63
Name	COVID-19 response
Category	Allied health and/or clinical nurse specialist interventions
Definition of service	Assessment, investigation, treatment and management of patients with confirmed, probable and suspected Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

Guide for use	
Activity	<p><i>Inclusions:</i></p> <p>Consultation on the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • screening • new diagnosis education • ongoing patient management and support <p><i>Exclusions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • management of respiratory conditions in a general medical respiratory clinic (20.19) • management of COVID-19 in a medical COVID-19 clinic (20.57) • management of respiratory conditions in a general allied health/clinical nurse specialist respiratory clinic (40.40)
Conditions	
Constraints	This class should only be used for clinics that are created as part of the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Administrative attributes	
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Date created	16 March 2020
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Reference material	<p>https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert accessed 30 April 2020</p> <p>https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/naming-the-coronavirus-disease-(covid-2019)-and-the-virus-that-causes-it accessed 30 April 2020</p>

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