

National Healthcare Agreement: P24-GP-type services, 2010

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Output measure
Short name:	GP-type services, 2010
METEOR identifier:	394776
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 08/06/2011
Description:	GP-type service use per 1,000 population.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2010) Health! , Superseded 08/06/2011
Outcome area:	Primary and Community Health Health! , Standard 07/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: P24-GP-type services, 2010 QS Health! , Superseded 08/06/2011

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description: Includes GP/VRGP non-referred attendances; Enhanced primary care; Practice nurse services; Other non-referred attendances

The definition of non-referred (GP) attendances is kept consistent with Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) classifications. GP-type services are defined by MBS items under broad type of services groups A, B, M and O.

Presented per 1,000 population.

Rates are directly age-standardised to the Australian population as at 30 June 2001.

Computation: $1,000 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$

Numerator: Number of non-referred (GP) attendances claimed through the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

MBS broad type of services groups

Data Source

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

[Person—government funding identifier, Medicare card number N\(11\)](#)

Data Source

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator: Total population

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Person—estimated resident population of Australia

Data Source

[ABS Estimated resident population \(total population\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census based plus administrative by-product data

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Person (address)—Australian postcode

Data Source

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence

Comments:

Specified disaggregation: Nationally and by state/territory (of residence of patient): by Indigenous status, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence.

Available disaggregation: Nationally and by state/territory (of residence of patient): by remoteness area and SEIFA of residence.

Data for 2008-09 will be available in 2009.

Most recent data available for 2010 CRC baseline report: 2008-09 with caveats

Representational attributes

Representation class: Rate

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: NNNN.N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:

<p>Data Source</p> <p>ABS Estimated resident population (total population)</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Quarterly</p> <p>Data quality statement</p> <p>ABS Estimated resident population (total population), QS</p> <p>Data custodian</p> <p>Australian Bureau of Statistics</p>
<p>Data Source</p> <p>Medicare (MBS) data</p> <p>Frequency</p> <p>Annually</p> <p>Data custodian</p> <p>Department of Health</p>

Accountability attributes

- Reporting requirements:** National Healthcare Agreement
- Organisation responsible for providing data:** Department of Health and Ageing / Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.
- Further data development / collection required:** Specification: Long-term
Work needs to continue to improve the Voluntary Indigenous Identifier (VII) in the Medicare database. This includes the development of an adjustment factor using data from a currently available sample.
- Other issues caveats:** MBS item numbers change over time and need to be updated as required.
- Disaggregations within individual jurisdictions are subject to data quality considerations.
- In order to enhance the value of the differential service use data, it would be helpful to analyse service use in relation to estimated need for services. For example, actual and need-adjusted service use rates could be compared (e.g. van Doorslaer et al 2004, 2006; Mathers 1994) across socioeconomic areas, remoteness areas or by Indigenous status. Need could be estimated based on population health survey data about, for example, self-assessed health status and long-term health conditions.
- The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) was identified as a data source, but due to lack of data availability it has not been included in the calculation this reporting cycle. Inclusion of DVA data in future reporting depends on advice from the department.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: P124-GP-type services, 2011](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

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[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P16-People deferring recommended treatment due to financial barriers, 2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P22-Selected potentially preventable hospitalisations, 2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P23-Selected potentially avoidable GP-type presentations to emergency departments, 2010](#)

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See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P25-Specialist services claimed through Medicare, 2010](#)

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