



# Cluster coding and Diagnosis Cluster Identifier (DCID) for WA in 2025-26

From ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS<sup>1</sup> Thirteenth Edition (1 July 2025) the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) is encouraging implementation of cluster coding and reporting of data element 'Diagnosis Cluster Identifier' (DCID) for episodes of admitted patient care.

Thirteenth Edition Australian Coding Standard (ACS) 0004 *Diagnosis Cluster Identifier (DCID)* describes cluster coding and the DCID, directs Clinical Coders on DCID assignment, and permits multiple assignment of the same ICD-10-AM Chapter 19 S00-T98 code in certain circumstances.

## For WA in 2025-26

### WA Department of Health

For 2025-26, the WA Department of Health (DoH) is not implementing:

- reporting of the Diagnosis Cluster Identifier (DCID), or
- multiple reporting of the same S00-T98 code

to the Hospital Morbidity Data Collection (HMDC). As such, the DCID will not be listed in the July 2025 *HMDC Data Specifications* or *HMDC Data Dictionary*.

### Health Service Providers

Health Service Providers (the public health system) **are not required** to implement cluster coding, record the DCID in webPAS, report the DCID to the HMDC, assign S00-T98 codes more than once, or follow ACS 0004.

### Contracted Health Entities/private hospitals

Contracted Health Entities/private hospitals **may** implement cluster coding, record the DCID in their systems, record S00-T98 codes more than once in accordance with ACS 0004 (in their



<sup>1</sup> International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification (ICD-10-AM) / Australian Classification of Health Interventions / Australian Coding Standards



systems) and follow ACS 0004. It will not be possible, however, to report the DCID or an S00-T98 code more than once to the HMDC.

## WA beyond 2025-26

The WA Department of Health plans to implement:

- reporting of the Diagnosis Cluster Identifier (DCID) and
- multiple reporting of the same S00-T98 code

to the HMDC after 2025-26. This will allow time to:

- develop a comprehensive cluster coding/DCID implementation plan for WA (in 2025-26) that will consider factors such as system capability, the clinical coding and health information workforce and training requirements.
- implement cluster coding/DCID in WA, in a systematic manner (after 2025-26).

Progress updates on WA cluster coding/DCID implementation will be provided to Clinical Coding and *Admitted Patient Activity Data Business Rules* stakeholders.

## Information and queries

Information on cluster coding and the DCID can be found:

- at the [IHACPA website](#)
- within ACS 0004 *Diagnosis Cluster Identifier (DCID)*
- at the [WA Clinical Coding Authority website](#)

For any queries on cluster coding and the DCID please e-mail the WA Clinical Coding Authority at [coding.query@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:coding.query@health.wa.gov.au)

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