

Scope of Data Collection (GT Dental)

The GT-Dental data specifications specify the data health insurers must supply to the Department for dental services (coded under an Australian Dental Association (ADA) code) for which they have paid benefits. Insurers are to report dental services using the full list of valid ADA codes in the Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary 2017 (see link below):

[The Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary Twelfth Edition 2017](#)

For further information about the data reporting requirements, please refer to the following legislation:

- *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*
- *Private Health Insurance (Data Provision) Rules 2018*

This document specifies the data to be provided from Insurers to the Department.

Reporting Unit

Reporting is to be completed at the service event level.

Monthly Reporting

The insurer will provide the information specified in the GT-Dental Protocol to the Department within 4 weeks after the end of each claims processing month for each service event where a benefit has been paid. For example, data for the month of July is to be provided by 31 August.

Reversals are permitted in this collection. Reversals should be reported based on date of cancellation. The reversal may therefore be reported in a different month to the claim the reversal relates to.

Notes

- If the input file is not structured as per page 1, it will be rejected.
- If any characters, other than those specified in this document are detected, such as end of line or end of file characters, the record or file will be rejected.

File Naming Standards

In order for your files to be correctly processed by the Data Submission Portal your submitted GT-Dental files are required to follow the format listed below:

InsurerCode (underscore)**GTD**(underscore)**MonthYear**

InsurerCode = 3 character code used to uniquely identify the Health Fund.

MonthYear = Month reported. Character values in the format MM(e.g. JUL="07", AUG="08") for month and YYYY (e.g. 2011) for year.

example: **ABC_GTD_042013.txt**

All files are to be saved as text files (.txt)

Notes about the specifications

The **data item column** indicates the short name for the data item and, where applicable, the reference number for the item in the National Health Data Dictionary as accessed via the Metadata Online Registry (METeOR) at: <http://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/237518>

The **obligation column** indicates whether provision of each particular data item is:

- MAA - Mandatory for all general treatment providers
- O - Optional for all general treatment providers
- CON - Conditional items that must be completed for all general treatment providers but only in the circumstances specified in the specifications.

The **position column** indicates the position within the fixed file format that each data item is to be reported.

The **type and size column** indicates the number and type of character/s the data item should contain where:

- A indicates the data item contains alphanumeric characters (alphabetic, numeric and other special characters). Data must be left justified.
- N indicates the data item contains numeric characters (numbers 0 to 9) only. Data items must be right justified and zero-prefixed to fully fill the item unless otherwise stated in the coding description. All values must be positive.

The **format column** indicates the format of the characters of the data item:

- **DDMMYYYY** indicates the data item contains date information where DD represents the day, MM represents the month and YYYY represents the century and year. For example, 5 July 2006 would be entered 05072006
- **hhmm** indicates the data item contains time information based on a 24-hour clock, where hh represents the hour and mm represents the minutes. For example 2.35pm would be entered 1435.

- *blank filled* , in relation to a data item, means that the data item is filled with blank spaces.
- *zero filled* , in relation to a data item, means that the data item is filled with zeros.
- *zero prefix* means that leading zeros are to be inserted if necessary to ensure that the number of characters in the entry matches the data item size specified for the item.
- *Charges & Benefits* - supply in dollars and cents (omit decimal point) with leading zeros to fully fill item. Negative amounts are permitted for reversals. An entry of 000000000 means that no benefit/charge was recorded.

See the coding description column for any other special formatting requirements.

The *repetition column* indicates the number of times the data item is repeated within the data file.

The *coding description column* provides the definition for the data item, valid values and any additional information to clarify what data should be reported and how. If a METeOR reference is indicated in the data item column, refer to the National Health Data Dictionary for definition and collection methods.

The *edit rules column* outlines the edit checks the Department will run the data through in the Department's Enterprise Data Warehouse. These are split into critical errors where data will be rejected and warnings where data will be identified.

The *error codes column* indicates the error code attributed to each of the edit checks.

Definitions/Acronyms

In this document:

ADA means the Australian Dental Association

General Treatment (GT) as specified under Section 121-10 of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2007*

insurer means a private health insurer.

NHDD means the (most current version of the) 'National Health Data Dictionary', accessible via the Metadata Online Registry (METeOR).

service event means an interaction between one or more health care providers with one or more persons for assessment, care, consultation and/or treatment.

PHIAC means the Private Health Insurance Administration Council.

General Dentist means a dentist that is currently registered with the Dental Board in the State or Territory for the practice location required.

Specialist Dentist means a dental specialist that holds a specialist registration with the Dental Board in their State or Territory to practise in a particular speciality (eg. Endodontist, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Oral Surgeon, Orthodontist, Paedodontist)

Guide for Use

File Naming Convention - The first three characters of the file name should be the insurer's three-character identifier. This is to ensure correct identification of the file's source.

Further information

For further information about the General Treatment requirements, please see the following websites:

General information about the data collection

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-casemix-data-collections-about-HCP>

Metadata and health dictionary specifications

<http://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/181162>

For private health insurance industry information

www.apra.gov.au

#	Item	Quantity	Type & size	Format	Values/description	Edit Rules	Error code/s
1	FILE HEADER	one per physical file of data	A(6)		Valid value 'GTDATA'		
2			A(6)	YYYYMM	YEAR-MONTH (last month of the claims processing month reported)	Reject file if not in format YYYYMM Reject file if does not match the month year specified in the physical file name.	HE02.0 HE02.1
3			N(6)		Number of service events in this file	If present, reject file if not numeric.	HE03
4	SERVICE EVENT RECORD	many per physical file of data	A(106)		107 characters; record type of 'S' followed by 106 character record as specified in this document.		

No	Data Item	METeOR identifier	ECLIPSE identifier	Obligation	Position Start	Position End	Type & size	Format	Repetition	Coding description	Edit Rules	Error code/s
1	Insurer Identifier			MAA	1	3	A(3)	Left justify	1	Insurer identifier selected from the list of registered private health insurers.	Reject record if not a valid insurer code Reject record if not identical to identifier specified in physical file name	SE001 SE001.1
2	Claim ID			MAA	4	13	A(10)	Left justify	1	A unique identifier of the claim that includes this service event record. Where a claim has multiple claim lines/service events, it is expected that the same claim ID will be used for each of the service records.	Reject record if blank	SE002
3	Provider number			MAA	14	21	A(8)	AAAAAAAA	1	Identifier for providers as provided on the claim record or generated by the insurer. Where possible, this should be the Medicare issued dental Provider Number.	Reject record if blank	SE003
4	Person Identifier			MAA	22	42	A(21)	Left justify	1	This is an insurer-specific person identifier, unique within an establishment or agency, regardless of any change in membership. This number should be consistently used for each event that a person receives so that a patient's journey can be constructed regardless of place of care.	Reject record if blank	SE004
5	Date of Birth	287007		MAA	43	50	A(8)	DDMMYYYY	1	The date of birth of the person.	Reject record if not in format DDMMYYYY	SE005
6	Postcode - Australian	611398		MAA	51	54	N(4)		1	The numeric descriptor for a postal delivery area, aligned with locality, suburb or place for the address of a person. Codes 9999 = unknown postcode and 8888 = overseas will be used instead of METeOR codes 0097, 0098, 0099.	Reject record if not (a valid Australian postcode or 9999 or 8888)	SE006
7	Sex	635126		MAA	55	55	N(1)		1	The distinction between male, female, and others who do not have biological characteristics typically associated with either the male or female sex, as represented by a code. 1 = Male 2 = Female 3 = Other 9 = Not stated / inadequately described	Reject record if not (1, 2, 3 or 9)	SE007
8	Service date			MAA	56	63	A(8)	DDMMYYYY	1	The date of the GT service event of treatment commenced.	Reject record if not in format DDMMYYYY	SE008
9	Service code			MAA	64	74	A(11)	Left justify	1	A valid ADA code (from the Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary Twelfth Edition (2017)) which indicates the procedure undertaken in the service event.	Reject record if not a valid ADA code	SE009
10	Number of items			MAA	75	77	N(3)	Right justify Zero prefix	1	The number of items provided for the claim reported in this record. Reversals are permitted and the negative sign must be the first character – eg “-03”.	Reject record if not numeric	SE010
11	Service charge			MAA	78	86	N(9)	Right justify Zero prefix \$\$\$\$\$cc (omit decimal point)	1	The gross charge raised for the service event. Zero fill if no amount charged. Reversals are permitted and the negative sign must be the first character – eg “-00010000”.	Reject record if not numeric	SE011
12	Service benefit			MAA	87	95	N(9)	Right justify Zero prefix \$\$\$\$\$cc (omit decimal point)	1	The gross benefit paid for the service event. Zero fill if no amount paid. Reversals are permitted and the negative sign must be the first character – eg “-00010000”.	Reject record if not numeric	SE012

No	Data Item	METeOR identifier	ECLIPSE identifier	Obligation	Position Start	Position End	Type & size	Format	Repetition	Coding description	Edit Rules	Error code/s
13	Bulk Payment Flag			CON	96	96	A(1)			<p>Flag to indicate if this claim is part of a bulk claim payment, and if so, how the payment is apportioned</p> <p>B = Weighted Proportioned Bulk Payment. E = Equally Proportioned Bulk Payment U = Unknown Proportioned Bulk Payment</p> <p>Must be supplied if the claim is part of a bulk claim payment (else leave blank)</p>	Reject record if not blank and not (B, E or U).	SE013
14	Benefit limit flag			CON	97	97	A(1)			<p>Flag to indicate if the benefit amount (item 12) was limited due to conditions of the product.</p> <p>Y = Benefit limit has been reached. N = Benefit limit was not reached. The full service benefit amount was paid.</p> <p>Must be supplied if known (else leave blank).</p>	Reject record if not blank and not (Y or N)	SE014
15	Full Service benefit			CON	98	106	N(9)	Right justify Zero prefix \$\$\$\$\$cc (omit decimal point)	1	<p>The gross benefit for the service event. Specify where a benefit limit has been reached (benefit limit flag = Y) which results in the benefit paid (item 12) being less than the full benefit normally paid.</p> <p>Reversals are permitted and the negative sign must be the first character – eg “-00010000”.</p> <p>Must be supplied if known and benefit limit flag = Y (else leave blank)</p>	Reject record if not blank and not numeric	SE015

Total record length = 107 characters; record type of 'S' followed by 106 character record