

FIVE STEPS TO DEVELOP A CLASSIFICATION

When developing the Australian Mental Health Care Classification (AMHCC), IHPA is following these five steps...



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DEFINE SERVICES

The first step in developing the AMHCC is to establish a definition for those mental health care services that should be included in the scope of the classification.

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IDENTIFY COST DRIVERS

To identify the cost drivers for mental health care, a comprehensive analysis must take place incorporating literature reviews, quantitative data analysis and stakeholder consultations.

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UNDERTAKE A COSTING STUDY

The third step in the process is to undertake a costing study with public and private hospitals to provide IHPA with the data to develop the initial AMHCC framework.

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DEVELOP THE CLASSIFICATION

Step four involves the planning, design, development, testing and transition of the AMHCC. In 2015, IHPA will use data and analysis from the costing study to inform this work and build version 1 of the AMHCC. Step four will include a pilot of the AMHCC and series of public consultations on the structure of the AMHCC.

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CONTINUE TO COLLECT DATA AND REVIEW THE CLASSIFICATION

The development and refinement of the AMHCC will be an ongoing process of repeating rounds of analysis to ensure the classification system is as accurate as possible. There will be ongoing activity and cost data collection which will support the ongoing refinement of the AMHCC and pricing of mental health care services in the future.

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