

Specification of data for External Organisations – 1 January 2010 onwards

The data is provided in a number of record types per item number:

Record type	Description	Mandatory/Optional
10	Item details	Mandatory
20	Fee details	Mandatory if the item is a normal item
25	Extended Medicare Safety Net	Optional
30	Derived fee details	Mandatory if the item is a derived fee item
40	Anaesthetic details	Optional
50	Description details	Mandatory

For each item there will be:

- 1 item details record
- 1 fee details record OR a number of derived fee detail records describing the manner in which the fee is calculated
- 1 anaesthetic detail record (optional)
- a number of description detail records describing the service. The item description will be the full description of the service that appears in the Regulations of the Health Insurance Act 1973.

Record Specifications

LEGEND	A – Alphanumeric
	N – Numeric
	M – Mandatory
	O – Optional

Record Type 10 – Item Details Record

<i>Field</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Description</i>
Record type	N2 M	10
Item #	N5 M	Item number
Sub-item #	N3 O	Sub-item number for precedent items (ie 30000 items)
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date item commenced
End date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy O	Date item ceased
Category	A3 M	The Category the item relates to
Group	A3 M	The Group the items relates to
Subgroup	A3 M	The Subgroup the item relates to
Item type	A1 M	The item type (ie S for standard, P for precedent or D for Ministerial Determination)
Fee type	A1 M	N – Normal fee D – Derived fee

Provider type	A3 O	the provider category applicable to the item
New item indicator	A1 O	Y – if the item is a new item
Item change indicator	A1 O	Y – if the item number changed
Anaesthetic change indicator	A1 O	Y – if a change has occurred in the anaesthetic units
Descriptor change indicator	A1 O	Y – if a change has occurred in the item description
Fee change indicator	A1 O	Y – if a change has occurred in the fee
Benefit indicator	A1O	A - benefit paid at 75% only B - benefit paid at 85% only C - benefit paid at 75% and 85% only D - benefit paid at 75% and 100% only E - benefit paid at 100% only
Benefit Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy	Date which benefit levels changed

Record Type 20 – Fee Details Record

This record must be present if the item is a normal fee item (Fee type “N”)

<i>Field</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Description</i>
Record type	N2	20
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date current Schedule fee commenced
Schedule fee	N5.2 M	The Schedule fee
Benefit 1	N5.2 M	The 75% benefit
Benefit 2	N5.2 M	The 85% benefit
Benefit 3	N5.2 M	The 100% benefit

Record Type 25 – Extended Medicare Safety Net (EMSN) Details Record.

This record must be present if the item has an Extended Medicare Safety Net Cap

<i>Field</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Description</i>
Record type	N2	25
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date EMSN cap commenced
EMSN Cap end date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy O	Date the EMSN cap ended
Cap amount	N5.2 M	EMSN Cap
Cap change date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy O	EMSN Cap change date
Cap change indicator	A1 O	Y – if a change has occurred to the cap

Record Type 30 – Derived Fee Details Record

Records of this type must be present if the item is derived fee item (Fee type “D”)

<i>Field</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Description</i>
Record type	N2 M	30
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date current derived fee commenced
Description	A80 M	Derived fee description

Record Type 40 – Anaesthetic Details Record

<i>Field</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Description</i>
Record type	N2 M	40
Anaesthetic indicator	A8 M	(Anaes.) – indicates that item attracts an anaesthetic

Record Type 50 – Description Details Record

<i>Field</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Description</i>
Record type	N2 M	50
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date current description commenced
Description	A80 M	Item description (as appears in the Regulations of the Health Insurance Act 1973)

Provider types

<i>Provider type</i>	<i>Description</i>
AD	Accredited Dental Practitioner
AO	Accredited Orthodontist
AOS	Approved Oral Surgeon
C	Computerised facilities
G	General Practitioner
HR	Hospital Recognised
NC	Non-computerised facilities
OP	Other (non-specialist pathologist)
S	Specialist
SP	Specialist Pathologist