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Abbreviations

AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AHMAC	Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority
MIAA	Medical Indemnity Industry Association of Australia
MIDWG	Medical Indemnity Data Working Group
MINC	Medical Indemnity National Collection
PIPA	Personal Injuries Proceedings Act 2002
PHO	public health organisation
SS	staff specialist
TMF	Treasury Managed Fund
VMIA	Victorian Managed Insurance Authority
VMO	visiting medical officer

Glossary

Claim	<p>Claim is used as an umbrella term to include medical indemnity claims that have materialised and potential claims.</p> <p>A single claim (i.e. a single record) in the MINC may encompass one or more claims made by a single claimant in respect of a particular health care incident, and may involve multiple defendants.</p>
Claimant	<p>The person who is pursuing a claim. The claimant may be the claim subject or may be an other party claiming for loss allegedly resulting from the incident.</p>
Claim manager	<p>The person who is responsible for all or some aspects of the management of the claim, on behalf of the Health Authority.</p>
Claim subject	<p>The person who received the health care service and was involved in the health care incident that is the basis for the claim, and who may have suffered or did suffer, harm or other loss, as a result. That is, the claim subject is the person who was the patient during the incident.</p>
Harm	<p>Death, disease, injury, suffering, and/or disability experienced by a person.</p>
Health Authority	<p>The government department or agency with responsibility for health care in the Commonwealth of Australia, and in each of the states and territories of Australia</p>
Health care	<p>Services provided to individuals or communities to promote, maintain, monitor, or restore health.</p>
Health care incident	<p>An event or circumstance resulting from health care that may have led or did lead to unintended and/or unnecessary harm to a person, and/or a complaint or loss.</p>
Incident	<p>In the context of this data collection, 'incident' is used to mean health care incident</p>
Loss	<p>Any negative consequence, including financial, experienced by a person.</p>
Medical indemnity	<p>Medical indemnity includes professional indemnity for health professionals employed by health authorities or otherwise covered by health authority professional indemnity arrangements.</p>

Medical indemnity claim	A medical indemnity claim is a claim for compensation for harm or other loss that may have resulted or did result from a health care incident.
Other party	Any party or parties not directly involved in the health care incident but claiming for loss allegedly resulting from the incident. The 'other party' is not the person who was the patient during the incident.
Potential claim	A matter considered by the relevant authority as likely to materialise into a claim, and that has had a reserve placed against it.
Reserve	The dollar amount that is the best current estimate of the likely cost of the claim when closed. The amount should include claimant legal costs and defence costs but exclude internal claim management costs.

