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Abbreviations

ACHI	Australian Classification of Health Interventions
AHMAC	Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographic Classification
CRM	Clinical Risk Management
GP	General practitioner
ICD-10-AM	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision, Australian Modification
ICF	International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health
MIDWG	Medical Indemnity Data Working Group
MINC	Medical Indemnity National Collection
NCSD	National Community Services Data Dictionary
NHDD	National Health Data Dictionary
SLA	Statistical Local Area
VMO	Visiting Medical Officer

Glossary and key definitions

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(s).</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	<p>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.</p>
Other party	<p>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.</p>

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.

