

## Health and Social Care Information Centre

### NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

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**Reference:** 1381  
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**Subject:** Healthcare Resource Groups  
**Effective Date:** Immediate  
**Reason for Change:** Amendment to definition  
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#### Background:

From April 2013 a new version of the Healthcare Resource Groups became available, we have been requested by the National Casemix Office to amend the NHS Business Definition - Healthcare Resource Groups and delete reference to specific versions of the groups. Details of the release documentation will be available on the National Casemix Office web pages.

This Data Dictionary Change Notice updates the NHS Business Definition - Healthcare Resource Groups and the link to information on the Health and Social Care Information Centre website.

To view a demonstration on "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", visit the NHS Data Model and Dictionary help pages at: [http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/Flash\\_Files/changerequest.htm](http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/Flash_Files/changerequest.htm).

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser.

#### Summary of changes:

##### Supporting Information

[HEALTHCARE RESOURCE GROUP](#) Changed Description

**Date:** 15 May 2013

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**Note:** New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

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### HEALTHCARE RESOURCE GROUP

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Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

Developed by the [National Casemix Office](#), [Healthcare Resource Groups \(HRGs\)](#) are standard groupings of clinically similar treatments which use common levels of healthcare resource.

[Healthcare Resource Groups](#) offer [ORGANISATIONS](#) the ability to understand their [ACTIVITY](#) in terms of the types of [PATIENTS](#) they care for and the treatments they undertake. They enable the comparison of [ACTIVITY](#) within and between different [ORGANISATIONS](#) and provide an opportunity to benchmark treatments and services to support trend analysis over time.

[Healthcare Resource Groups](#) are currently used as a means of determining fair and equitable reimbursement for

care services delivered by [Health Care Providers](#). Their use as consistent 'units of currency' supports standardised healthcare commissioning across the NHS. They improve the flow of finances within - and sometimes beyond - the NHS. ~~HRG4 has been in use for [Reference Costs](#) since April 2007 (for financial year 2006/7 onwards) and for [Payment by Results \(PbR\)](#) since April 2009 (for financial year 2009 onwards).~~

~~HRG4 was a major revision that introduced [Healthcare Resource Groups](#) to new clinical areas, to support the [Department of Health](#)'s policy of [Payment by Results](#). It includes a portfolio of new and updated [HRG](#) groupings that accurately record [PATIENTS](#) treatment to reflect current practice and anticipated trends in healthcare.~~

For further information on [Healthcare Resource Groups](#), see the [Health and Social Care Information Centre website](#).

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