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**Mapping of Health Care Providers in Ireland
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The classification of health care providers (ICHA-HP) serves the purpose of classifying all organisations that contribute to the provision of health care goods and services, by arranging country-specific provider units into common, internationally applicable categories. The “principal activity” undertaken is the basic criterion for classifying health care providers. The HP classification tries to structure health care providers into meaningful, homogeneous groups of providers within categories and at the same time to ensure heterogeneity between categories. The criterion *type of health care activity* is relevant when providers are grouped into certain categories of the HP classification.

An organisation with health care outputs for which more than 50% of the value added results from health care activities is to be classified and allocated – based on the type of the principal health care activity – into one of the HP.1-HP.6 categories; those with less than 50% output of health care activities are to be classified under HP.8.2; all other industries as secondary providers of health care.

| SHA Code | Category Name | SHA 2011 Description | Irish Health Care Providers |
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| HP.1 | Hospital | Hospitals comprise licensed establishments that are primarily engaged in providing medical, diagnostic and treatment services that include physician, nursing and other health services to inpatients and the specialised accommodation services required by inpatients. Hospitals provide inpatient health services, many of which can be delivered only by using specialised facilities and professional knowledge as well as advanced medical technology and equipment, which form a significant and integral part of the provision process. | Hospitals in Ireland are not currently licensed. Hospitals in Ireland include acute teaching hospital, acute non-teaching hospitals, psychiatric hospitals and specialty hospitals in the public, voluntary and private sectors. Data sources used to estimate health care expenditure in Ireland include HSE financial data, Casemix and HIPE data, survey of private hospitals. |
| HP.1.1 | General Hospitals | This category encompasses licensed establishments that are primarily engaged in providing general diagnostic and medical treatment (both surgical and non-surgical) to inpatients <i>with a wide variety of medical conditions</i> . | Public, private and voluntary general hospitals have been included in this category. These hospitals would also include some specialists services. The HSE allocated mental health expenditure in general hospitals to HP.1.2 which is a deviation from the standard. |
| HP.1.2 | Mental Health Hospitals | This item comprises licensed establishments that are primarily engaged in providing diagnostic and medical treatment and monitoring services to inpatients who suffer from severe mental illness or substance abuse disorders. | Public and private psychiatric hospitals have been included in this category. The HSE allocated mental health expenditure in general hospitals to HP.1.2 which is a deviation from the standard. |
| HP.1.3 | Specialised hospitals (other than mental health hospitals) | This item comprises licensed establishments that are primarily engaged in providing diagnostic and medical treatment as well as monitoring services to inpatients <i>with a specific type of disease or medical condition</i> . | Public, private and voluntary specialist hospitals (e.g. maternity hospitals) are included in this category. |

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| HP.2 | Residential Long-Term Care Facilities | The category of <i>Residential long-term care facilities</i> comprises establishments that are primarily engaged in providing residential long-term care that combines nursing, supervisory or other types of care as required by the residents. A significant part of the production process and the care provided is a mix of health and social services, with the health services being largely at the level of nursing care, in combination with personal care services. The medical components of care are, however, much less intensive than those provided in hospitals. | <p>Included in this category are public, private and voluntary nursing homes, residential facilities for people with a disability, residential substance abuse facilities and hospices many of which are funded from the HSE Mental Health, Palliative Care and Social Care Divisions.</p> <p>The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) is responsible for the regulation for the Health and Social Care Services in Ireland which includes the inspection of residential services for children, older people and people with a disability. The 2007 Health Act requires all such residential providers, both public and private, to register with HIQA. These lists were used as the basis for estimates for nursing homes and residential facilities for people with a disability.</p> <p>Data sources used to estimate this category include HIQA inspection lists and bed numbers, HSE financial data, company accounts submitted to the Company Registrations Office, tax data sources, price by quantity estimates.</p> |
| HP.2.1 | Long-term nursing care facilities | This subcategory comprises establishments that are primarily engaged in providing in-patient nursing and rehabilitative services for long-term care patients. The care is generally provided for an extended period of time to individuals requiring nursing care. | Further work needs to be undertaken to allocate Irish Residential Long-Term Care Facilities to the second digit level. |
| HP.2.2 | Mental health and substance abuse facilities | This item comprises establishments (<i>e.g.</i> group homes, intermediate care facilities) that are primarily engaged in providing, in an inpatient setting, domiciliary services for persons diagnosed with mental retardation ¹ . These facilities provide mental health care, though the focus is on room and board, protective supervision and counselling. Residential mental health and substance abuse facilities comprise establishments that are primarily engaged in providing residential care and treatment for patients with mental health and substance abuse illnesses. Although health care services may be available at these establishments, they are incidental to the counselling, mental rehabilitation and support. | |

¹ Please note that the phrase “mental retardation” is the definition used in the System of Health Accounts Manual. In Ireland, this would be defined as “persons with an intellectual disability”.

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| HP.2.9 | Other residential long-term care facilities | This category includes the provision of residential and health care services in organisations classified neither as long-term nursing care facilities HP.2.1, nor as mental health and substance abuse facilities HP.2.2. | There are no residential units classified to this this category in Ireland. |
| HP.3 | Providers of Ambulatory Health Care | This item comprises establishments that are primarily engaged in providing health care services directly to outpatients who do not require inpatient services. | |
| HP.3.1 | Medical practices | This subcategory comprises both offices of general medical practitioners and offices of medical specialists (other than dental practice) in which medical practitioners holding the degree of a doctor of medicine are primarily engaged in the independent practice of general or specialised medicine, including psychiatry, cardiology, osteopathy, homeopathy, surgery and others. | <p>This category includes General Practitioners, Consultants , some HSE Mental Health, Primary Care and services PCRS funded services. Also other public funded expenditure in relation to the armed forces and prisons is included here. This category accounts for over 30% of expenditure in the HP.3 category.</p> <p>Data sources used for estimating health care expenditure in relation to GPs includes HSE financial data, tax data sources, Household Budget Survey data and price by quantity estimates.</p> |
| HP.3.2 | Dental practices | This subcategory comprises independent establishments of health practitioners who hold a university-level degree in dental medicine or a qualification at a corresponding level and are primarily engaged in the independent practice of general or specialised dentistry or dental surgery. | <p>Private and public dental and orthodontic services are included here. This category accounts for nearly 50% of expenditure in the HP.3 category</p> <p>Data sources include HSE financial data, Treatment Benefits data, private health insurance data, Household Budget Survey and tax files.</p> |
| HP.3.3 | Other health care practitioners | This subcategory comprises the group of paramedical and other independent health practitioners (other than medical professions: general or specialist physicians, and dentists), such as chiropractors, optometrists, psychotherapists, physical, occupational, and speech therapists and audiologist establishments who are primarily engaged in providing care to outpatients. | <p>There are a wide variety of paramedical practitioners included in this category such as physiotherapists, psychologists, speech and language therapists, chiropodists, etc.</p> <p>Data sources include HSE financial data, private health insurance data, Household Budget Survey and tax files.</p> |

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| HP.3.4 | Ambulatory health care centres | This item comprises establishments that are engaged in providing a wide range of outpatient services by a team of medical and paramedical staff, often along with support staff, that usually bring together several specialities and/or serve specific functions of primary and secondary care. These establishments generally treat patients who do not require inpatient treatment. They differ from HP.3.1.3 <i>Offices of medical specialists</i> by their multi-specialisations, the complexity of the medical-technical equipment used and the range of types of health professionals involved. | Included in this category are HSE Primary Care Centres, Multi-Disciplinary Care Teams, HSE Mental Health Community Teams, Day Hospitals and Day Centres, HSE Day Centres providing services for older people and people with a disability. Also included are private providers such as family planning centres, multi-disciplinary health centres, dialysis centres, day surgery centres. Data sources include HSE financial data, private health insurance data, tax files and company accounts submitted to the Company Registrations Office. |
| HP.3.5 | Providers of home health care services | This subcategory comprises establishments that are primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing services in patients' homes, along with a range of the following: personal care services: medical social services, support in medications, use of medical equipment and supplies, counselling; 24-hour home care; occupational and vocational therapy; dietary and nutritional services; speech therapy; audiology and high-tech care, such as intravenous therapy. The services of home nursing care providers are often substitutive for in-patient long-term services delivered by HP.2 <i>Residential long-term care facilities</i> or outpatient services provided by HP.3.3 <i>Other health care practitioners</i> . | Included in this category are HSE Home Care Packages and Home Helps both provided by the HSE, grant-aided by the HSE and contracted by the HSE from private providers. Also included are voluntary organisations (many of whom receive grants from the HSE) who predominantly provide services to help care for people in their homes. These services are also provided by private health care providers/businesses . Data sources include HSE financial data, private health insurance data, tax files and company accounts submitted to the Company Registrations Office. |
| HP.4 | Providers of Ancillary Services | This category comprises establishments that provide specific ancillary type of services directly to out-patients under the supervision of health professionals and not covered within the episode of treatment by hospitals, nursing care facilities, ambulatory care providers or other providers. Included are providers of patient transportation and emergency rescue, medical and diagnostic laboratories, dental laboratories and other providers of ancillary services. | |
| HP.4.1 | Providers of patient transportation and emergency rescue | This subcategory comprises establishments that are primarily engaged in providing the transportation of patients by ground or air in the case of emergencies at patients' homes or outside (on the street) as well as in the case of illness as a component of the treatment process (<i>e.g.</i> transferring patients between health care providers, transportation of patients to dialysis or chemotherapy). | Included in this category is the HSE National Ambulance Service. Also included are private and voluntary providers of ambulance services. This estimate does not include other emergency services provided by the state. Data sources include HSE financial data, tax files and private health |

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| HP.4.2 | Medical and diagnostic laboratories | This item comprises establishments that are primarily engaged in providing analytic or diagnostic services, including body fluid analysis or genetic testing, directly to outpatients with or without referral from health care practitioners. | Included in this category are some HSE Primary Care Services and private providers of medical diagnostic and imaging services, dental and orthodontic laboratories. Data sources include HSE financial data, private health insurance data and revenue data. |
| HP.4.9 | Other providers of ancillary services | This subcategory comprises other providers of ancillary services not explicitly listed above. | No data is classified to this category. |
| HP.5 | Retailers and Other Providers of Medical Goods | This item comprises specialised establishments whose primary activity is the retail sale of medical goods to the general public for individual or household consumption or utilisation. Establishments whose primary activity is the manufacture of medical goods, such as making lenses, orthopaedic or prosthetic appliances for direct sale to the general public for individual or household use, are also included, as is fitting and repair done in combination with sale. | |
| HP.5.1 | Pharmacies | This subcategory comprises establishments that are primarily engaged in the retail sale of pharmaceuticals (including both manufactured products and those prepared by onsite pharmacists) to the population for prescribed and non-prescribed medicines. Pharmacies operate under strict jurisdiction/licences of national pharmaceutical supervision. Usually, either the owner of a pharmacy or its employees must be a registered pharmacist, chemist or pharmacy doctor. | Included in this category are private pharmacies in Ireland. These are funded through HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Services , out-of-pocket payments and to a small extent, private health insurance. Data sources include HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Data, HSE financial data, tax files and Household Budget Survey data. |
| HP.5.2 | Retail sellers and other suppliers of durable medical goods and medical appliances | This item comprises establishments that are primarily engaged in the retail sale of durable medical goods and medical appliances such as hearing aids, optical glasses, other vision products and prostheses to the general public for individual or household use. This includes the fitting and repair provided in combination with sales of durable products, for example, in the case of hearing aids, cleaning, adjustment and the provision of batteries. | This category comprises mainly opticians and hearing aid providers but also other providers of medical durables. This expenditure is funded from out-of-pocket payments, private health insurance and Treatment Benefits under the Social Insurance Fund. No HSE data has been classified to this category of provider. Data sources include Department of Social Welfare data on Treatment Benefits, private health insurance data and tax files. |

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| HP.5.9 | All other miscellaneous sellers and other suppliers of pharmaceuticals and medical goods | This subcategory includes all other principal activity retail suppliers of medical goods to the general public for individual or household consumption or utilisation not elsewhere classified. | No data has been classified to this category |
| HP.6 | Providers of Preventative Care | This category comprises organisations that primarily provide collective preventive programmes and campaigns/public health programmes for specific groups of individuals or the population-at-large, such as health promotion and protection agencies or public health institutes as well as specialised establishments providing primary preventive care as their principal activity. This includes the promotion of healthy living conditions and lifestyles in schools by special outside health care professionals, agencies or organisations (see also HP.8.2). | <p>The expenditure under this provider category predominately relates to the HSE's Health and Well Being Directorate but also includes some of the activities under the Mental Health Services. Some voluntary patient advocacy groups have been included in this category. The coverage of these groups is incomplete and is an area that is still being developed.</p> <p>Data sources include HSE financial data and the published accounts of some voluntary organisations.</p> |
| HP.7 | Providers of health care system administration and financing | This item comprises establishments that are primarily engaged in the regulation of the activities of agencies that provide health care and in the overall administration of the health care sector, including the administration of health financing. While the former relates to the activities of government and its agencies in handling governance and managing the health care system as a whole, the latter reflects administration related to fund raising and purchasing health care goods and services by both public and private agents. | |
| HP.7.1 | Government health administration agencies | This subcategory comprises government administration (excluding social security) that is primarily engaged in the formulation and administration of government health policy, in the administration of health financing, and in the setting and enforcement of standards for medical and paramedical personnel and for hospitals, clinics and so on, including the regulation and licensing of providers of health services. Health departments of regional or municipal governments should be included. This item covers also such establishments as the statistical institutes of a ministry of health (but not institutes administering population-based health registers) and public registers of health care providers, as both are part of health care system administration. | Included in this category is the Department of Health, the HSE (direct costs of the CEO and National Directors' Offices), Health Information Authority, the Health and Safety Authority. |

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| HP.7.2 | Social health insurance agencies | This subcategory comprises the social health insurance agencies (sickness funds) that handle the administration of social health insurance schemes. Sickness funds may also provide the administration of employer's health insurance schemes not offered by the government. | No data has been classified to this category. |
| HP.7.3 | Private health insurance administration agencies | This subcategory comprises private insurance corporations that may manage more than one type of health insurance scheme at the same time (for example, compulsory private health insurance and voluntary health insurance). This subcategory includes establishments that are primarily engaged in activities consisting of or closely related to the management of insurance (activities of insurance agents, average and loss adjusters, actuaries and salvage administration). It covers the administration of all types of compulsory and voluntary private health insurance. | Included in this category are the private health insurers (administrative costs). Data provided by the Private health insurers. |
| HP.7.9 | Other administrative agencies | This subcategory is important for organisations or administrative units that cannot be clearly classified into the above categories, for example, these involved in the generation of financial sources as in the case of medical savings accounts. This category comprises also non-profit institutions serving households (other than social insurance). The health administration of the NPISH has to be covered here only if administration of health financing or of services is not covered by the other health provider categories. | Included in this category are some voluntary/non-profit organisations representing certain patient groups. This is an area that needs further development and is currently under-estimated. |
| HP.8 | Rest of the Economy | Non-Health Care Providers Providing Health Care | |
| HP.8.1 | Households as providers of home health care | The health care boundary drawn in SHA includes personal home health services provided within households by family members, in cases where they correspond to social transfer payments granted for this purpose. This item therefore comprises private households as providers of home health care. Unpaid care by household members is not included in the core health accounts of SHA. | Households receiving payments (such as Domiciliary Care Allowance or Carers' Allowance) are included in this category. The data is sourced from the Department of Social Protection. |

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| HP.8.2 | All other industries as secondary providers of health care | This subcategory includes organisations that predominantly offer health care as a secondary activity, <i>e.g.</i> occupational health care services provided within enterprises, providers of social care with occasional health services or patient transport services provided by taxis. This category of secondary providers varies greatly among countries, depending on accreditation and licensing rules. In these establishments, the provision of health care goods and services usually constitutes a minority share of the output value. This item comprises all other organisations and industries that deliver health care goods and services as a secondary activity not classified above. | <p>Included in this category are the Prisons Services (health care related expenditure), the Defense Forces (health care related expenditure), the Department of Education (National Education Psychological Service) and other industries whose primary activity is not health care. An estimate of health care expenditure provided by non-health care providers was undertaken using Census of Population data (health care workers employed in non-health care industries) and average wages of health care workers (CSO National Accounts data). Data was also received from the Prison Service, the Department of Defense and the Department of Education.</p> <p>Data from the Annual Services Inquiry was also used to estimate expenditure on over-the-counter medicines and other medical goods in non-pharmacies (<i>e.g.</i> supermarkets).</p> |
| HP.8.9 | Other industries n.e.c. | <p>This category in the HP classification comprises establishments that are outside the health care provider universe and do not provide health care goods and services either to individuals or groups of the population, but which are specialised in health-related activities such as those identified within the functional classification: <i>i) long-term care (social)</i> and <i>ii) health promotion with a multi-sectoral approach</i>.</p> <p>Establishments of <i>long-term social care</i> are those primarily engaged in providing assistance and social care type services for elderly and other persons <i>1) unable to fully care for themselves; and/or 2) unwilling to live independently</i>. This category also includes organisations that focus on social services that aim predominantly to prevent and combat the social isolation of persons with body or functional limitations. Instrumental activities of daily living (IADL), such as housekeeping, laundry, shopping, preparation of meals, help with financial activities, etc., reflect the scope of long-term social care activities and can be provided both in residential settings and at home.</p> | No data has been classified to this category. |
| HP.9 | Rest of the world | This item comprises all non-resident units providing health care goods and services as well as those involved in health-related activities. In both cases the provision is directed for final use to country residents | <p>Health care providers not based in Ireland have been included in this category. Data sources for this category are limited. The HSE identified a small amount of expenditure related to providers outside of the State. Private Health Insurance Data was also able to identify providers outside the State.</p> <p>Missing from this category is out-of-pocket payments or holiday insurance reimbursements related to health care.</p> |

International Classification of Health Accounts - Health Care Providers (ICHA - HP)

| Code | Description | SHA 1.0 codes |
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| HP.1 | Hospitals | HP.1.0 |
| HP.1.1 | General Hospitals | HP.1.1 |
| HP.1.2 | Mental health hospitals | HP.1.2 |
| HP.1.3 | Specialised hospitals (other than mental health hospitals) | HP.1.3 |
| HP.2 | Residential long-term care facilities | HP.2 |
| HP.2.1 | Long-term nursing care facilities | HP.2.1 |
| HP.2.2 | Mental health substance abuse facilities | HP.2.2 |
| HP.2.9 | Other residential long-term care facilities | HP.2.3, 2.9 |
| HP.3 | Providers of ambulatory health care | HP.3 |
| HP.3.1 | Medical practices | HP.3.1 |
| HP.3.1.1 | Offices of general medical practitioners | HP.3.1 |
| HP.3.1.2 | Offices of mental medical specialists | HP.3.1 |
| HP.3.1.3 | Offices of medical specialists (other than mental medical specialists) | HP.3.1 |
| HP.3.2 | Dental practice | HP.3.2 |
| HP.3.3 | Other health care practitioners | HP.3.3 |
| HP.3.4 | Ambulatory health care centres | HP.3.4 |
| HP.3.4.1 | Family planning centres | HP.3.4.1 |
| HP.3.4.2 | Ambulatory mental health and substance abuse centres | HP.3.4.2 |
| HP.3.4.3 | Free-standing ambulatory surgery centres | HP.3.4.3 |
| HP.3.4.4 | Dialysis care centres | HP.3.4.1 |
| HP.3.4.9 | All other ambulatory centres | HP.3.4.5, 3.4.9 |
| HP.3.5 | Providers of home health care services | HP.3.6 |
| HP.4 | Providers of ancillary services | |
| HP.4.1 | Providers of patient transportation and emergency rescue | HP.3.9.1 |
| HP.4.2 | Medical and diagnostic laboratories | HP.3.5, 3.9.2 |
| HP.4.9 | Other providers of ancillary services | HP.3.9.9 |
| HP.5 | Retailers and other providers of medical goods | HP.4 |
| HP.5.1 | Pharmacies | HP.4.1 |
| HP.5.2 | Retail sellers and other suppliers of durable medical goods and medical appliances | HP.4.2, 4.3, 4.4 |
| HP.5.9 | All other miscellaneous sellers and other suppliers of pharmaceuticals and medical | HP.4.9 |

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| | | goods | |
| HP.6 | | Providers of preventive care | HP.5 |
| HP.7 | | Providers of health care system administration and financing | HP.6 |
| | HP.7.1 | Government health administration agencies | HP.6.1 |
| | HP.7.2 | Social health insurance agencies | HP.6.2 |
| | HP.7.3 | Private health insurance administration agencies | HP.6.3, 6.4 |
| | HP.7.9 | Other administration agencies | HP.6.9 |
| HP.8 | | Rest of economy | HP.7 |
| | HP.8.1 | Households as providers of home health care | HP.7.2 |
| | HP.8.2 | All other industries as secondary providers of health care | HP.2.3, 2.9, 7.1, 7.9 |
| | HP.8.9 | Other industries <i>n.e.c.</i> | |
| HP.9 | | Rest of world | HP.9 |
| Source: IHAT for SHA 2011 | | | |

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