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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Group session indicator |
| Synonymous names: | Group service event flag |
| METEOR identifier: | 676226 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/01/2020 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether a health service contact was delivered in a group, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Service contact—group session indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/684233) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/301747) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Boolean | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|  | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 9    Not stated/inadequately described  This code is not for use in primary data collections. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1   Yes  This code indicates care that has been provided to two or more patients by the same health-care provider(s) at the same time (including via telehealth).  A group must have two or more persons attending in the capacity of patients in their own right.  One service event is recorded for each patient who attends a group session.  Spouses, parents or carers attending the session are counted for the group session only if they are also participating in the service as a patient (see definition of a service event).  A group session may be delivered by more than one provider. This may be multidisciplinary care within one clinic appointment as part of a group, e.g. a group session jointly delivered by a physiotherapist and an occupational therapist.  In practice, this should be interpreted to mean that patients are receiving precisely the same services. For example:   * Patients may be part of a movement or hydrotherapy class where all participants are following the same intervention at the same time. * Patients attending education sessions at chemotherapy or dialysis clinics are group sessions, if two or more people are receiving the same services at the same time.   CODE 2   No  This code indicates that care was delivered to the patient as an individual (including via telehealth). An individual service event is provided to one person by one or more health-care providers. For example:   * Where a clinician works one-on-one with several different patients in the same space over a period of time but each patient is following their own personalised program (for example, where several patients are scheduled to use the physiotherapy gym at once). * Where multiple persons, such as several family members and carers, meet with a clinician to discuss one patient only. * Patients attending for treatment at a dialysis or a chemotherapy clinic are receiving individual services. |
| Collection methods: | For the purposes of activity based funding reporting, this data item can be derived from existing data elements.  Ambulatory specialised - This data element can be derived from [Mental health service contact—session type, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/620778).  Ambulatory non-specialised - This data element can be derived from [Non-admitted patient service event—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/679499). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Service contact—group session status, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/654418)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  Has been superseded by [Service contact—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/721734)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 23/12/2020  See also [Appointment—group session indicator, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/571127)  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015  See also [Mental health service contact—session type, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/620778)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  See also [Non-admitted patient service event—group session indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/730453)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/02/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 28/03/2023  See also [Non-admitted patient service event—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/679499)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/02/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/676150)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 12/12/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019 ***Conditional obligation:***  The data element is only required to be reported for patients with an ambulatory mental health episode of care.  [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2019-20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699151)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/01/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020 ***Conditional obligation:***  The data element is only required to be reported for patients with an ambulatory mental health episode of care.  [Allied health admitted patient care NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/705499)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 12/12/2018  [Allied health non-admitted patient NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/705642)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 12/12/2018  [Allied health non-individual patient attributable and clinical support activity NBPDS](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/705789)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 12/12/2018  ***Conditional obligation:***  All NIPA events must indicate if it was a group session. |