

Mental health legal status code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	270857
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 07/12/2011
Definition:	A code set representing whether a person is treated on an involuntary basis under the relevant state or territory mental health legislation.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Involuntary patient
	2	Voluntary patient
Supplementary values:	3	Not permitted to be reported under legislative arrangements in the jurisdiction

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Involuntary patient

Involuntary patient should only be used by facilities which are approved for this purpose. While each state and territory mental health legislation differs in the number of categories of involuntary patient that are recognised, and the specific titles and legal conditions applying to each type, the legal status categories which provide for compulsory detention or compulsory treatment of the patient can be readily differentiated within each jurisdiction. These include special categories for forensic patients who are charged with or convicted of some form of criminal activity. Each state/territory health authority should identify which sections of their mental health legislation provide for detention or compulsory treatment of the patient and code these as involuntary status.

CODE 2 Voluntary patient

Voluntary patient to be used for reporting to the NMDS-Community mental health care, where applicable.

CODE 3 Not permitted to be reported under legislative arrangements in the jurisdiction

Not permitted to be reported under legislative arrangements in the jurisdiction, is to be used for reporting to the National Minimum Data Set - Community mental health care, where applicable.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Mental health legal status code N Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 20/12/2016

**Data elements
implementing this value
domain:**

[Episode of care—mental health legal status, code N
Health](#), Superseded 07/12/2011