

National Healthcare Agreement: P53-Older people receiving aged care services, 2010 QS

Identifying and definitional attributes

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Data quality

Quality statement summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Aged care data warehouse is derived from an administrative data collection designed for payment of subsidies to services providers and has accurate data on the numbers of clients, their age and Indigenous status.Information about geographical location (remoteness) is based on location of service provider for all programs except HACC (Home and Community Care), where remoteness is based on location of client.HACC data are not as complete as the data presented for other aged care programs.
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Institutional environment: Home and Community Care (HACC) National Data Repository

The HACC program is funded and governed through a cooperative working agreement between the Australian and state and territory governments. Service providers receiving funding under the HACC program are required to provide data to populate the HACC National Minimum Data Set (HACC NMDS) to the state and territory governments. This is supplied to the National Data Repository managed by the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA).

Aged care data warehouse

Approved providers submit data to Medicare Australia to claim subsidies from the Australian Government for services delivered under the *Aged Care Act 1997* (the Act) and *Aged Care Principles* (the Principles). These data are provided to the Department of Health and Ageing and are stored in the DoHA data warehouse.

The flexible care places used in the Transition Care Program are legislated by the Act and the Principles made under the Act. The Transition Care Program is funded and governed in partnership between the Australian and state and territory governments. Service providers submit claims to Medicare Australia to claim for services delivered under the Transition Care Program. These data are provided to DoHA and are stored in the Aged care data warehouse.

The tables for this indicator were prepared by the Department of Health and Ageing. The data quality statement was developed by the Department and includes comments from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). The AIHW did not have all of the relevant datasets required to independently verify the data tables for this indicator. For further information see the AIHW website.

Timeliness: The reference period for the data sets used to produce this indicator is 2008–09.

HACC NMDS

State and territory governments submit quarterly reports to the HACC National Data Repository.

Aged care data warehouse

Claims are submitted by providers on a monthly basis for services delivered under residential aged care and residential respite care, Community Aged Care Packages (CACP), Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) packages, Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD) packages, and Transition Care. Data for the previous financial year is available in October each year.

Accessibility: Aggregated data items are published in the Productivity Commission's *Report on Government Services*, and in the *Reports on the Operation of the Aged Care Act 1997* prepared by the Department of Health and Ageing.

Aggregated HACC data are published in the *HACC MDS Statistical Bulletin* on an annual basis.

Interpretability: Further information on definitions is available in the *Aged Care Act 1997* and *Aged Care Principles*; the *Residential Aged Care Manual 2009*; the *Residential Respite Care Manual*; the *Draft Community Packaged Care Guidelines 2007*; the *HACC Data Dictionary*; and the *Transition Care Program Guidelines*.

Relevance: HACC: In 2008-09, 93% of all providers receiving funding under the HACC program submitted data to the HACC National Minimum Data Set (NMDS). There is no information on the size of service provision for the missing agencies so it is difficult to assess the impact on the completeness of client data.

Other programs: The data provides complete coverage of aged care services funded by the Australian Government under the programs identified above.

Data linkage is needed to estimate the number of individuals receiving aged care services across aged care programs.

Does not include people receiving services under Multi-purpose services or the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Strategy since data are collected on places only (i.e. not people).

Data for Veterans' Home Care was not collected in 2008-09.

The SEIFA status of care recipients has not been calculated since the data sources record place of service differently (for instance, for HACC it is the home of the care recipient, while for community care and residential aged care it is the location of the aged care service).

Accuracy: HACC: Around 10% of HACC data is missing Indigenous status. Missing data for remoteness and age is less than 1%.

Other programs: Funding to service providers of Aged Care under the Act and the Principles is contingent on their submitting claims to Medicare Australia. Service providers' claims are audited annually.

The data presented against this indicator is people who have accessed a service delivered under that program in the financial year. Because a person may receive services under more than one program in a year, the number of unique individuals accessing aged care is less than the total of people accessing the services listed above. The methodology to link individuals is under development.

Coherence: The data items used to construct this performance indicator will be consistent and comparable over time.

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Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 53: Older people receiving aged care services, 2011 QS](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 04/12/2012

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