

# Mental health legal status code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	471181
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 20/01/2021 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 20/12/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing whether a person is treated on an involuntary basis under the relevant state or territory mental health legislation.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Involuntary patient
	2	Voluntary patient
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not reported/unknown

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	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 Community mental health care NMDS, where applicable.  CODE 9 Not reported/unknown  This code is to be used if the mental health legal status for the patient is either not reported or unknown.
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## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Supersedes <a href="#">Mental health legal status code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 07/12/2011  Has been superseded by <a href="#">Mental health legal status code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 20/01/2021
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implementing this value  
domain:**

[Episode of care—mental health legal status, code N](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2020

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[Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 16/10/2023

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[Health](#), Superseded 07/03/2014