

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 25-Rate of community follow up within first seven days of discharge from a psychiatric admission, 2013

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 25-Rate of community follow up within first seven days of discharge from a psychiatric admission, 2013
METEOR identifier:	497030
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Superseded 30/04/2014
Description:	Proportion of separations from the mental health service organisation's acute psychiatric inpatient unit(s) for which a community ambulatory service contact, in which the consumer participated, was recorded in the seven days following that separation.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2013) Health , Superseded 30/04/2014
Quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 25-Rate of community follow up within first seven days of discharge from a psychiatric admission, 2013 QS Health, Superseded 14/01/2015

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	An ambulatory service contact is the provision of a clinically significant service by a specialised mental health service provider(s) for patients/clients, (other than those patients/clients admitted to psychiatric hospitals or designated psychiatric units in acute care hospitals), and those resident in 24 hour staffed specialised residential mental health services, where the nature of the service would normally warrant a dated entry in the clinical record of the patient/client in question.
Computation:	100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator)
Numerator:	Number of in-scope separations from the mental health service organisation's acute psychiatric inpatient unit(s) for which a community ambulatory service contact, in which the consumer participated, was recorded in the seven days following that separation.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

Sourced directly from Department of Health and Ageing.

Data Source

[State/territory community mental health care data](#)

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Data Element

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Data Source

[State/territory admitted patient data](#)

Denominator: Number of in-scope separations for the mental health service organisation's acute psychiatric inpatient unit(s).

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Data Element

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Data Source

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Disaggregation: 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 — State and territory.

Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication.

Comments:

Most recent data available for 2013 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council (CRC) report: 2010-11.

For 2013 NHA reporting, only disaggregation by state and territory is recommended, with advice on technical issues associated with additional disaggregation to be sought from the Mental Health Information Strategy Sub-committee (MHISS) and National Mental Health Performance Sub-committee (NMHPSC).

The scope includes all public mental health service organisation's acute psychiatric inpatient units.

The following separations are excluded:

- Same day separations.
- Statistical and change of care type separations.
- Separations that end by transfer to another acute or psychiatric inpatient hospital.
- Separations that end by death, left against medical advice/discharge at own risk.

The following community ambulatory service contacts are excluded from the calculation:

- Community service contacts occurring on day of separation.

Same day separations are defined as inpatient episodes where the admission and separation dates are the same.

Implementation of this indicator requires the capacity to track service use across inpatient and community boundaries and is dependent on the capacity to link patient identifiers.

Where a mental health service organisation has more than one unit of a particular service type for the purpose of this indicator those units should be combined.

The reliability of cross-jurisdictional comparisons on this indicator is dependent on the implementation of statewide unique patient identifiers as the community services may not necessarily be delivered by the same mental health service organisation that admits the patient.

This measure does not consider variations in intensity or frequency of service contacts following discharge from hospital.

This measure does not distinguish qualitative differences between phone and face-to-face community contacts.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Rate
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Person
Format:	NN.N

Data source attributes

Data sources:**Data Source**

[State/territory community mental health care data](#)

Frequency

Annual

Data custodian

State/territory health authorities

Data Source

[State/territory admitted patient data](#)

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Annual

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Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Substantial work required, the measure requires significant work to be undertaken.

Full implementation of this measure requires unique statewide patient identifiers – currently available in six of the eight states and territories and under development in the remaining two.

Source and reference attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 25-Rate of community follow up within first seven days of discharge from a psychiatric admission, 2014](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015