

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 30-Elapsed time for aged care services, 2013 QS

Identifying and definitional attributes

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Relational attributes

Indicators linked to this Quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 30-Elapsed time for aged care services, 2013 Health , Superseded 30/04/2014
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Data quality

Quality statement summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The measure of 'elapsed time' is used as a proxy for demand for aged care services, however there are many factors that cannot be categorised as time spent 'waiting' and not all 'waiting' time is included in this measure.
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Institutional environment:	<p>Approved service providers submit data to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to claim subsidies from the Australian Government for services delivered under the <i>Aged Care Act 1997</i> and <i>Aged Care Principles</i>. These data are provided to the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) and are stored in the Ageing and Aged Care data warehouse.</p> <p>The tables for this indicator were prepared by the DoHA and quality-assessed by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). The data quality statement was developed by DoHA and includes comments from the AIHW. The AIHW did not have the relevant datasets required to independently verify the data tables for this indicator.</p>
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Timeliness: The reference period for this data set is 2011-12.

Accessibility: The data for this indicator are also used to report in the *Report on Government Services*.

Interpretability: The *Report on Government Services* includes footnotes and explanations on this measure.

Relevance: The measure of 'elapsed time' is utilised because the period of time between the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) approval and entry into residential care or commencement of community care may be influenced by factors that cannot be categorised as time spent 'waiting' and not all 'waiting' time is included. Factors that influence this indicator are:

- care placement offers that are not accepted
- the availability of alternative community care, informal care and respite services
- variations in care fee regimes that influence client choice of preferred service
- building quality and perceptions about quality of care that influence client choice of preferred service.

Accuracy: The elapsed time between an ACAT approval and entry into an aged care service is retrospective, i.e. the elapsed time is calculated once a person has obtained entry into an aged care service.

The data for elapsed time by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Area (SEIFA) were sourced at a later date than the data for elapsed time by state/territory resulting in slightly larger total numbers of admissions. The variance between each breakdown of this indicator is less than 0.5%.

Coherence: The state/territory level data items used to construct this performance indicator are consistent and comparable over time. As noted in the Accuracy section above, there is variance between the state/territory level data items and the data for remoteness and SEIFA for the 2011-12 data. The data for remoteness and SEIFA will be sourced at the same time as the state/territory level data in future years to ensure the admission totals for each breakdown of elapsed time are consistent. The data items for 2012-13 onwards used to construct this performance indicator will be consistent and comparable over time.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 30-Elapsed time for aged care services, 2014 QS](#)

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

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