

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 30-Elapsed time for aged care services, 2014

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 30-Elapsed time for aged care services, 2014
METEOR identifier:	517618
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 14/01/2015
Description:	The elapsed time between an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) approval and entry into a residential aged care service or commencement of a Community Aged Care Package (CACP), Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) package or Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD) package.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2014) Health , Superseded 14/01/2015
Outcome area:	Aged Care Health , Standard 07/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: PI 30-Elapsed time for aged care services, 2014 QS Health , Superseded 14/01/2015

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>ACAT approval refers to the approval date of the most recent ACAT assessment prior to admission into residential care or commencement of a CACP, EACH or EACHD.</p> <p>Service type: Residential care - high care; Residential care - low care; CACP; EACH and EACHD.</p> <p>Elapsed time period: within two days or less, seven days or less, less than one month, less than three months, less than nine months.</p> <p>Analysis of Indigenous status is by self-reported indication on the associated last ACAT assessment record made before entry into aged care.</p> <p>Disaggregation by state and territory is based on the location of the aged care service.</p> <p>Disaggregation by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is based on the recipient's postcode at time of assessment.</p> <p>Presented as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">percentage of people admitted by length of entry period and service type.
Computation:	100 x (Numerator ÷ Denominator), calculated separately for each service type and elapsed time period.
Numerator:	Number of new aged care recipients who commence a service within elapsed time periods during the financial year.
Denominator:	Total number of new aged care recipients during the financial year.

Disaggregation: 2012–13—State and territory, by service type, by:

- Indigenous status.
- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure).
- 2011 SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintiles.

2012–13—Nationally by service type, by 2011 SEIFA IRSD deciles.

Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication.

Comments: Most recent data available for 2014 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council (CRC) report: 2012-13.

This indicator needs to be interpreted with care. The measure of 'elapsed time' is utilised because the period of time between the ACAT approval and entry into residential aged care or commencement of CACP; EACH and EACHD may be due to factors which cannot be categorised as 'waiting' time. These include:

- 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

The measure is most relevant for high residential care recipients as the link between entry to residential care and elapsed time is stronger for high care residents than low care residents or community care packaged recipients. This is due to the urgency for high care residents and the greater number of alternatives for people with ACAT approvals for low care or community aged care packages.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Department of Health and Ageing

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Minor work required, the measure needs minor work to meet the intention of the indicator.

Consideration to be given to collect "reason for delayed uptake" where elapsed time is greater than 3 months.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 30-Elapsed time for aged care services, 2013](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

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[Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016