Patient—first episode of mental health care at a mental health service organisation, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | First episode of mental health care at organisation descriptor |
| METEOR identifier: | 575296 |
| Registration status: | [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 11/11/2015 |
| Definition: | A descriptor of the client/patient's initial presentation at the mental health service organisation that is providing the current treatment, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Patient—first episode of mental health care at a mental health service organisation descriptor](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575294) |
| Value Domain: | [First episode of mental health care code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575286) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Patient has never received care/treatment from this mental health service organisation |
|  | 2 | Patient has received care/treatment from this mental health service organisation, but not in the preceding five years |
|  | 3 | Patient has received care/treatment from this mental health service organisation in the preceding five years |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/ inadequately described |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | A mental health service organisation is a separately constituted specialised mental health service that is responsible for the clinical governance, administration and financial management of service units providing specialised mental health care.  A specialised mental health service organisation may consist of one or more service units based in different locations and providing services in admitted patient, residential and ambulatory settings. For example, a specialised mental health service organisation may consist of several hospitals or two or more community centres.  Where the specialised mental health service organisation consists of multiple service units, those units can be considered to be components of the same organisation where they:   * operate under a common clinical governance arrangement; * aim to work together as interlocking services that provide integrated, coordinated care to consumers across all mental health service settings; and * share clinical records or, in the case where there is more than one physical clinical record for each patient, staff may access (if required) the information contained in all of the physical records held by the organisation for that patient.   For most states and territories, the specialised mental health service organisation is equivalent to the Area/District Mental Health Service. These are usually organised to provide the full range of admitted patient, residential and ambulatory services to a given catchment population. However, the term 'specialised mental health service organisation' may also be used to refer to health care organisations which provide only one type of mental health service (e.g. acute admitted patient care) or which serve a specialised or state-wide function. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/613880)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 28/02/2017  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2016 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2017  [Admitted patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575027)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 15/10/2014  [Ambulatory patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575033)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 15/10/2014  ***DSS specific information:***  For the purposes of this DSS, an ambulatory episode is defined as a period of continuous contact between a consumer and a mental health service within an ambulatory service setting. This is consistent with the definition in the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection.  [Residential patient mental health care cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/575036)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 15/10/2014 |