

# Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2016-17

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 613880

**Registration status:**

- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 28/02/2017

**DSS type:** Data Set Specification (DSS)

**Scope:** The purpose of the Activity based funding: Mental health care data set specification (ABF MHC DSS) is to collect information about patients receiving mental health care, funded by states and territories, that is associated with Australian public hospitals.

**Mental health care** is care in which the primary clinical purpose or treatment goal is improvement in the symptoms and/or psychosocial, environmental and physical functioning related to a patient's mental disorder. Mental health care:

- is delivered under the management of, or regularly informed by, a clinician with specialised expertise in mental health;
- is evidenced by an individualised formal mental health assessment and the implementation of a documented mental health plan; and
- may include significant psychosocial components, including family and carer support.

This includes services provided as assessment only activities.

The scope of the ABF MHC DSS is mental health care provided by services that are in-scope public hospital services under the National Health Reform Agreement 2011. This includes care delivered by specialised mental health services, public hospitals, Local Hospital Networks and non-government organisations (NGOs) managed or funded by state or territory health authorities.

Mental health care provided by services which are not in-scope public hospital services under the National Health Reform Agreement 2011 can also be reported.

Mental health care services that are considered in-scope may take place in admitted, ambulatory, emergency department or residential settings.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Statistical unit:** Episodes of mental health care

**Collection methods:** Data are collected at each hospital from patient administrative, financial and other systems. Hospitals forward data to the relevant state or territory health authority on a regular basis (for example, monthly).

### *National reporting arrangements*

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority for national collation, on a six monthly basis. Only episodes which have a formal or statistical discharge at the end of a reference period should be reported.

### *Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated*

Financial years ending 30 June each year.

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**Comments:**

Whilst it is recognised that there may be activity undertaken by non-specialised ambulatory health services that meet the definition of mental health care, it is also acknowledged that jurisdictional system capabilities may prevent this activity being reported through this data set.

While the DSS provides guidance on the circumstances in which clinical measures should be reported for specific age groups, it is noted it is a clinical decision as to the most appropriate measure to be used for a particular patient.

*Scope links with other NMDSs and DSSs*

Admitted patient care NMDS

Admitted patient mental health care NMDS

Community mental health care NMDS

Mental health establishments NMDS

Non-admitted patient DSS

Residential mental health care NMDS

*Glossary items*

Glossary terms that are relevant to this data set specification are included here:

[Activity based funding](#)

[Admitted patient mental health care service](#)

[Admission](#)

[Ambulatory care](#)

[Ambulatory mental health care service](#)

[Episode of residential care end](#)

[Episode of residential care start](#)

[Local Hospital Network](#)

[Mental health care](#)

[Mental health phase of care](#)

[Resident](#)

[Residential mental health care service](#)

[Separation](#)

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

**Relational attributes**

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Activity based funding: Mental health care DSS 2015-16](#)

- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 16/03/2016

Has been superseded by [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2017-18](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

See also [Admitted patient care NMDS 2016-17](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

See also [Community mental health care NMDS 2017-18](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

See also [Mental health establishments NMDS 2016-17](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/08/2017

See also [Mental health establishments NMDS 2017-18](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

See also [Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2016-17](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification [Show more detail](#)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	<a href="#">Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
2	<a href="#">Person—sex, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
3	<a href="#">Person—marital status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
4	<a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
5	<a href="#">Person—area of usual residence, geographical location code (ASGC 2011) NNNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
6	<a href="#">Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2011) NNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
7	<a href="#">Person—Indigenous status, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
8	<a href="#">Person—identifier type, mental health organisation type code N</a>	Mandatory	1
9	<a href="#">Patient—first episode of mental health care at a mental health service organisation, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
10	<a href="#">Episode of mental health care—identifier, X[X(79)]</a>	Mandatory	1
11	<a href="#">Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
12	<a href="#">Establishment—Local Hospital Network identifier, code NNN</a>	Mandatory	1
13	<a href="#">Establishment—region identifier, X[X]</a>	Mandatory	1
14	<a href="#">Establishment—region name, text XXX[X(57)]</a>	Mandatory	1
15	<a href="#">Establishment—sector, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
16	<a href="#">Establishment—service unit cluster identifier, XXXXX</a>	Mandatory	1
17	<a href="#">Establishment—service unit cluster name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>	Mandatory	1
18	<a href="#">Hospital—hospital identifier, XXXXX</a>	Mandatory	1
19	<a href="#">Hospital—hospital name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>	Mandatory	1

20	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service organisation—organisation identifier, XXXX</a>	Mandatory	1
21	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service organisation—organisation name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>	Mandatory	1
22	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—admitted patient service unit identifier, XXXXXX</a>	Mandatory	1
23	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—admitted patient service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>	Mandatory	1
24	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit identifier, XXXXXX</a>	Mandatory	1
25	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>	Mandatory	1
26	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—residential service unit identifier, XXXXXX</a>	Mandatory	1
27	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—residential service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>	Mandatory	1
28	<a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
29	<a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode start mode, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
30	<a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
31	<a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode end mode, code NN</a>	Mandatory	1
33	<a href="#">Episode of care—principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 9th edn) ANN{,N[N]}</a>	Mandatory	1
34	<a href="#">Episode of care—additional diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 9th edn) ANN{,N[N]}</a>	Conditional	1
35	<a href="#">Episode of care—mental health care phase, code N</a>	Mandatory	99
36	<a href="#">Episode of care—mental health phase of care start date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	99
37	<a href="#">Episode of care—mental health phase of care end date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	99
38	<a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N</a>	Conditional	30
39	<a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N</a>	Conditional	24
40	<a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N</a>	Conditional	24
41	<a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Children's Global Assessment Scale score code N[NN]</a>	Conditional	1
42	<a href="#">Episode of care—psychosocial complications indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	7
43	<a href="#">Person—level of difficulty with activities in a life area, Abbreviated Life Skills Profile score code N</a>	Conditional	16
44	<a href="#">Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N</a>	Conditional	4
45	<a href="#">Mental health phase of care—number of leave days, N[NN]</a>	Conditional	1
46	<a href="#">Service contact—service date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Conditional	1
47	<a href="#">Service contact—patient location, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
48	<a href="#">Service contact—patient/client participation indicator, yes/no code N</a>	Conditional	1
49	<a href="#">Service contact—group session status, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>	Conditional	1
50	<a href="#">Specialised mental health service—target population group, code N</a>	Conditional	1