

Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOS 65+ score)
METEOR identifier:	676206
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 18/12/2019 Tasmanian Health , Superseded 06/05/2020
Definition:	An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a Health of the Nation Outcome Scale (HoNOS) 65+ score-based code.
Context:	Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 65 and over.
Data Element Concept:	Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity
Value Domain:	Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0	No problems within the period stated
	1	Minor problem requiring no action
	2	Mild problem but definitely present
	3	Moderately severe problem
	4	Severe to very severe problem
Supplementary values:	8	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 8 Unknown

This code should be used for Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for elderly people (HoNOS 65+) values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOS 65+ tool as '9 - Unknown'.

The HoNOS 65+ is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOS 65+ is answered on an item-specific anchored 5-point scale with higher scores indicating more problems. Each scale is assigned a value of between 0 and 4, or 8 for unknown. The twelve scales are as follows:

- behavioural disturbance
- non-accidental self injury
- problem drinking or drug use
- cognitive problems
- problems related to physical illness or disability
- problems associated with hallucinations and delusions
- problems associated with depressive symptoms
- other mental and behavioural problems
- problems with social or supportive relationships
- problems with activities of daily living
- overall problems with living conditions
- problems with work and leisure activities and the quality of the daytime environment.

The sum of the individual scores of each of the scales (excluding code 8 'Unknown') represents the total HoNOS 65+ score. The total HoNOS 65+ score ranges from 0 to 48, and represents the overall severity of an individual's psychiatric symptoms.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element is used to report a score for one of the 12 items that comprise the HoNOS 65+ tool. It should be reported in an array of 12 to gain the HoNOS 65+ score.

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Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Reference documents: Royal College of Psychiatrists 2017. What is HoNOS? Viewed 18 January 2017, <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/training/honos/whatishonos.aspx>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](#)

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

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Recorded 04/08/2016

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/01/2018

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[Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

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See also [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N](#)

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Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2018-19](#)

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Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ at the start of the mental health phase of care is mandatory for patients in all settings.

Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ is not mandatory if mental health phase of care is reported as Assessment Only.

The HoNOS 65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2019-20](#)

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[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2018-19](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

Only the HoNOS 65+ scores at admission are required to be reported.

Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2019-20](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

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