

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care service episodes of care cluster

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 676943

Registration status: [Indigenous](#), Standard 07/12/2017

DSS type: Data Element Cluster

Scope: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services provide care, including but not limited to, for sickness and injury, as well as counselling, health education and screening.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services episodes of care cluster describes the number of episodes of health-care provided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services that received funding from the Australian Government through the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH).

The three data elements are used together to provide a count of episodes of care by the Indigenous status and sex of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services clients.

Episodes of health care

	Male	Female	Total
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander episodes of health care	N[NNN]	N[NNN]	N[NNN]
Non-Indigenous episodes of health care	N[NNN]	N[NNN]	N[NNN]
Unknown Indigenous status episodes of health care	N[NNN]	N[NNN]	N[NNN]
Total episodes of health care	N[NNN]	N[NNN]	N[NNN]

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Includes:

- health care provided through all sources of funding (e.g. OATSIH, State government etc.)
- transport only if it involves direct provision of health care/information by service staff
- outreach (e.g. episodes at outstation visits, park clinics, satellite clinics etc.)
- episodes of health care delivered over the phone
- episodes of care provided to visitors/transients.

Excludes:

- residential care
- administration contacts with clients (e.g. receptionist making appointments for clients)
- groups (e.g. antenatal classes, men's groups etc.)
- family/relationship counselling if people don't have their own file/record.

Collection methods: If figures are not available for the full year, an estimate can be made based on a representative part of the year.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care service is required to provide counts of male, female and total episodes of health care by Indigenous status, as detailed in the Scope, Episodes of health care table. The total episodes of health care may include episodes for which Indigenous status or sex was not known or not reported.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services DSS Indigenous](#), Superseded 07/12/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2009
Implementation end date: 30/06/2010
[Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care services DSS Indigenous](#), Standard 07/12/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2011
Implementation end date: 30/06/2012

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Episode of care—number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services episodes of care, N[NN]	Mandatory	1
-	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	3
DSS specific information:			
This data element is used to determine the Indigenous status of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care service's clients.			
In the Indigenous status data element, codes 1 (Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin), 2 (Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin) and 3 (Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin) are aggregated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, code 4 (Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin) maps to non-Indigenous and code 9 (Not stated/inadequately described) maps to Unknown Indigenous status.			
-	Person—sex, code N	Mandatory	2
DSS specific information:			
This data element is used to determine the sex of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care service's client.			
-	Service provider organisation—comment, extended text X[X(∞)]	Optional	1
DSS specific information:			
This data element is used to capture notes and/or comments about episodes of care and/or client contacts in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health-care service.			