

# Mental health phase of care

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item  
**METEOR identifier:** 682464  
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- [Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018

**Definition:** The prospective primary goal of treatment within an episode of care in terms of the recognised phases of mental health care. Whilst it is recognised that there may be aspects of each mental health phase of care represented in the consumer's mental health plan, the mental health phase of care is intended to identify the main goal or aim that will underpin the next period of care.

The mental health phase of care is independent of both the treatment setting and the designation of the treating service, and does not reflect service unit type.

The five mental health phases of care are:

- 1 Acute
- 2 Functional gain
- 3 Intensive extended
- 4 Consolidating gain
- 5 Assessment only.

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority 2016. Mental Health Phase of Care Guide. Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Sydney. Viewed 7 September 2016, <https://www.ihoa.gov.au/publications/mental-health-phase-care-guide>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Mental health phase of care](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 23/12/2020

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- [Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:**

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

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- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[Episode of care—mental health phase of care](#)

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

[Episode of care—mental health phase of care, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

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- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

[Episode of care—mental health phase of care, code N](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

[Mental health care phase code N](#)

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[Mental health phase of care—number of leave days, total N\[NN\]](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 23/12/2020