

National Healthcare Agreement: PI 30—Elapsed time for aged care services, 2019

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Progress measure
Short name:	PI 30—Elapsed time for aged care services, 2019
METEOR identifier:	698876
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 16/01/2020
Description:	The elapsed time between an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) approval and entry into a residential aged care service or commencement of a Home Care Package.
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2019) Health , Superseded 13/03/2020
Outcome area:	Aged Care Health , Standard 07/07/2010

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>ACAT approval refers to the approval date of the most recent ACAT assessment prior to admission into residential care or commencement of a Home Care Package.</p> <p>Service type: Residential care; Home Care Package—levels 1–2; Home Care Package—levels 3–4.</p> <p>Data for residential care only includes permanent residents.</p> <p>Elapsed time period: within 2 days or less, 7 days or less, less than 1 month, less than 3 months, less than 9 months.</p> <p>Analysis of Indigenous status is by self-reported indication on the associated last ACAT assessment record made before entry into aged care.</p> <p>Disaggregation by state and territory is based on the location of the aged care service.</p> <p>Disaggregation by remoteness and Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is based on the recipient's postcode at time of assessment.</p> <p>Presented as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">percentage of people admitted by length of entry period and service type.
Computation:	$100 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$ calculated separately for each service type and elapsed time period.
Numerator:	Number of aged care recipients who first commence a service within elapsed time periods during the financial year, excluding those whose ACAT approval was on or after commencement in a service.

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Aged care recipient—ACAT approval date

Data Source

[Australian Government Department of Health's Ageing and Aged Care data warehouse](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

Aged care recipient—first admission indicator

Data Source

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Aged care recipient—service commencement date

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Denominator:

Total number of aged care recipients who first commence a service during the financial year, excluding those whose ACAT approval was on or after commencement in a service.

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Aged care recipient—first admission indicator

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Aged care recipient—service commencement date

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Disaggregation:

2017–18—State and territory, by service type, by:

- Indigenous status
- remoteness (Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure)
- 2011 SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD) quintiles

2017–18—Nationally by service type, by 2011 SEIFA IRSD deciles (not reported).

Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication.

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Establishment—geographical location

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Used for disaggregation by state/territory for residential aged care residents.

Data Element / Data Set

Aged care recipient—area of usual residence

Data Source

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Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness and SEIFA

Data Element / Data Set

Aged care recipient—Indigenous status

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Data Element / Data Set

Aged care recipient—service type

Data Source

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Comments: Most recent data available for 2019 National Healthcare Agreement performance reporting: 2017–18.

This indicator needs to be interpreted with care. The measure of 'elapsed time' is so-described because the period of time between entry into residential aged care or commencement of a Home Care Package and the ACAT approval may be due to factors which cannot be categorised as 'waiting' time. These include:

- care placement offers that are not accepted
- the availability of alternative community care, informal care and respite services
- variations in care fee regimes that influence client choice of preferred service
- building quality and perceptions about quality of care that influence client choice of preferred service
- obtaining approval for care for use in the future, without intending to accept the care offer in the short term.

From 1 August 2013, the new Home Care Packages Programme commenced, replacing the previous Community Aged Care Packages (CACP), Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) and Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia (EACHD) packages. Reporting for Home Care Packages is initially by 2 broad groups of packages—levels 1–2 and levels 3–4—due to the relatively small numbers of initial recipients of Home Care Package levels 1 and 3. Level 1 packages support people with basic care needs; level 2 packages support people with low level care needs; level 3 supports people with intermediate care needs; level 4 supports people with high level care needs.

From 1 July 2014, as part of Australian Government reforms to the aged care system, the distinction between low care and high care was removed for permanent residential aged care. Therefore, residential care data from 2014–15 onwards will be reported for total residential care only. (Residential care data for previous years was reported disaggregated by low care and high care).

Representational attributes

Representation class: Percentage

Data type: Real

Unit of measure: Person

Format: N[NN].N

Data source attributes

Data sources:

Data Source

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Frequency

Ongoing

Data custodian

Australian Government Department of Health

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Minor work required, the measure needs minor work to meet the intention of the indicator.

Consideration to be given to collect "reason for delayed uptake" where elapsed time is greater than 3 months.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 30–Elapsed time for aged care services, 2018](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 30–Elapsed time for aged care services, 2020](#)

[Health](#), Standard 16/01/2020