

Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2019-20

Identifying and definitional attributes

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- [Health](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

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Scope: The Activity based funding: Mental health care National Best Endeavours Data Set (ABF MHC NBEDS) defines 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 NBEDS 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. This also includes all in-scope services contracted by a public hospital, Local Hospital Network or jurisdiction regardless of the physical location of the contracting public hospital, Local Hospital Network or jurisdiction, or the location where the services are delivered. The ABF MHC NBEDS is intended to capture instances of service provision from the point of view of the patient.

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. Activity that has taken place in the emergency department must only be reported through the ABF MHC NBEDS if it has been provided by an ambulatory service as part of an ambulatory mental health episode of care. These service contacts are provided by specialised mental health ambulatory care units and are also reported through the Community Mental Health Care National Minimum Data Set.

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 quarterly basis. Only episodes which have a formal discharge within the reference period, or those which have a 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: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

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

Scope links with other National Minimum Data Sets (NMDSs) and NBEDSs

Admitted patient care NMDS

Community mental health care NMDS

Mental health establishments NMDS

Non-admitted patient NBEDS

Residential mental health care NMDS

Glossary items

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

[Activity based funding](#)

[Admission](#)

[Admitted patient mental health care service](#)

[Ambulatory care](#)

[Episode of residential care end](#)

[Episode of residential care start](#)

[Local Hospital Network](#)

[Mental health care](#)

[Mental health phase of care](#)

[Reference period](#)

[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 NBEDS 2018-19](#)

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

Has been superseded by [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2020–21](#)

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

See also [Admitted patient care NMDS 2019-20](#)

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

See also [Community mental health care NMDS 2019–20](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

See also [Mental health establishments NMDS 2019–20](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

See also [Mental health establishments NMDS 2020–21](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

See also [Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2019-20](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/07/2019

See also [Residential mental health care NMDS 2019–20](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Episode of care—additional diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 11th edn) ANN{,N[N]}	Conditional	99
-	Episode of care—FIHS psychosocial complications indicator, yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N	Conditional	7
-	Episode of care—mental health phase of care end date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	99
-	Episode of care—mental health phase of care start date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	99
-	Episode of care—mental health phase of care, code N	Mandatory	99
-	Episode of care—principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 11th edn) ANN{,N[N]}	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of mental health care—episode end date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of mental health care—episode end mode, code N[N]	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of mental health care—episode start mode, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of mental health care—identifier, X[X(79)]	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of mental health care—service provider setting origin, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—Activity based funding organisation identifier, NNX[X]NNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—Local Hospital Network identifier, code NNN	Mandatory	1

- Mental health phase of care—number of leave days, total N[NN]	Mandatory	1
- Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS 2016) N(9)	Mandatory	1
- Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN	Mandatory	1
- Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
- Person—Indigenous status, code N	Mandatory	1
- Person—level of difficulty with activities in a life area, Abbreviated Life Skills Profile score code N	Conditional	16
- Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N	Conditional	4
- Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Children's Global Assessment Scale score code N[NN]	Conditional	1
- Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N	Conditional	24
- Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N	Conditional	30
- Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N	Conditional	24
- Person—marital status, code N	Mandatory	1
- Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]	Mandatory	1
- Person—sex, code X	Mandatory	1
- Person—unit identifier type, mental health organisation type code NN	Mandatory	1
- Service contact—episode of care setting, code N	Conditional	1
- Service contact—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N	Conditional	1
- Service contact—patient/client participation indicator, yes/no code N	Conditional	1
- Service contact—service date, DDMMYYYY	Conditional	1
- Service contact—service duration, Total minutes NNN	Conditional	1
- Specialised mental health service—admitted patient service unit identifier, XXXXXX	Mandatory	1
- Specialised mental health service—admitted patient service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
- Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit identifier, XXXXXX	Mandatory	1
- Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
- Specialised mental health service—residential service unit identifier, XXXXXX	Mandatory	1
- Specialised mental health service—residential service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
- Specialised mental health service—target population group, code N	Conditional	1