

Community mental health care NMDS 2020–21

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 722221

Registration status: [Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

DSS type: National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

Scope: The Community mental health care national minimum data set (CMHC NMDS) includes data about [mental health service contacts](#) provided by specialised mental health services for patients/clients in the community; that is patients/clients not admitted to admitted patient mental health care services or residential mental health care services.

The scope includes:

- ambulatory mental health care provided by service units covering all target populations.

The scope excludes:

- all care to admitted patients, including same day admitted patient care delivered by ambulatory mental health care service units
- 'in-reach' mental health service contacts, that is, service contacts provided to patients admitted to admitted patient mental health care services or residential mental health services
- support services that are not specialised mental health care services (see [Specialised mental health service](#)) and services provided by non-government organisations.

Excluded from the CMHC NMDS scope is all activity reported to:

- the Admitted patient care NMDS
- the Residential mental health care NMDS.

The following metadata items are of particular relevance to the scope of the CMHC NMDS:

[Ambulatory mental health care service](#)

[Specialised mental health service](#)

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: [Mental health service contact](#)

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Comments: *Glossary items*

Glossary terms that are relevant to this National minimum data set include:

[Admitted patient mental health care service](#)

[Ambulatory care](#)

[Ambulatory mental health care service](#)

[Geographic indicator](#)

[Resident](#)

[Residential mental health care service](#)

[Separation](#)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

- Supersedes [Community mental health care NMDS 2019–20 Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020
- Has been superseded by [Community mental health care NMDS 2021–22 Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021
- See also [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020
- See also [Community mental health care NMDS 2020–21: National Community Mental Health Care Database, 2022: Quality Statement AIHW Data Quality Statements](#), Superseded 08/12/2023
- See also [Statistical Area Level 1 of usual residence NBEDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 09/02/2021

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Episode of care—mental health legal status, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of care—principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 11th edn) ANN{.N[N]}	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—Australian state/territory identifier, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—region identifier, X[X]	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—region name, text XXX[X(57)]	Mandatory	1
 <i>DSS specific information:</i>			
Mental health data collections are hierarchical in nature. An identical reporting structure, including region name, should be common between all mental health collections, including the Mental Health Establishments (MHE), Community Mental Health Care (CMHC) and Residential Mental Health Care (RMHC) NMDSs, the Mental Health National Outcomes and Casemix Collection and any future mental health collections.			
-	Establishment—sector, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—service unit cluster identifier, XXXXX	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—service unit cluster name, text XXX[X(97)]	Mandatory	1
-	Mental health service contact—patient/client participation indicator, yes/no/unknown code N	Mandatory	1
-	Mental health service contact—service contact date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Mental health service contact—service duration, total minutes NNN	Mandatory	1
-	Mental health service contact—session type, code N	Mandatory	1

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- [Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 \(SA2\) code \(ASGS 2016\) N\(9\)](#)

Mandatory 1

DSS specific information:

The following SA2 codes have been agreed by the Mental Health Information Strategy Standing Committee (MHISSC) as supplementary codes for use in the Community Mental Health Care NMDS:

STATE_CODE_2016	STATE_NAME_2016	Not applicable	Unknown (Not stated/inadequately described)	No usual address
1	New South Wales	199999497	199999498	199999499
2	Victoria	299999497	299999498	299999499
3	Queensland	399999497	399999498	399999499
4	South Australia	499999497	499999498	499999499
5	Western Australia	599999497	599999498	599999499
6	Tasmania	699999497	699999498	699999499
7	Northern Territory	799999497	799999498	799999499
8	Australian Capital Territory	899999497	899999498	899999499
9	Other Territories	999999497	999999498	999999499

- [Person—country of birth, code \(SACC 2016\) NNNN](#)

Mandatory 1

- [Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY](#)

Mandatory 1

DSS specific information:

This field must not be null.

National minimum data sets:

For the provision of State and Territory hospital data to Australian Government agencies this field must:

- be less than or equal to Admission date, Date patient presents or Service contact date
- be consistent with diagnoses and procedure codes, for records to be grouped.

- [Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)

Mandatory 1

- [Person—marital status, code N](#)

Mandatory 1

- [Person—person identifier, XXXXXX\[X\(14\)\]](#)

Mandatory 1

DSS specific information:

For mental health collections, the [Person identifier](#) for a uniquely identifiable person should be consistent between National minimum data sets and other associated collections, and across collection periods, where technically possible.

- [Person—sex, code X](#)

Mandatory 1

- [Person—unique identifier used indicator, yes/no code N](#)

Mandatory 1

- [Specialised mental health service organisation—organisation identifier, XXXX](#)

Mandatory 1

- [Specialised mental health service organisation—organisation 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—target population group, code N](#)

Mandatory 1