

# Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Episode of mental health care start date
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	722601
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Superseded 23/12/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	The date on which an episode of mental health care formally or statistically commences, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode start date</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Date
<b>Data type:</b>	Date/Time
<b>Format:</b>	DDMMYYYY
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	8

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The definition of a start date on which an episode of care commences may differ between settings. Therefore, for the purposes of activity based funding reporting the following definitions apply:

Admitted episodes refer to the period of care provided to a consumer who is admitted for care to a specialised psychiatric inpatient service or to a general public hospital for the purposes of receiving mental health care (i.e. the consumer would have a mental health care type). The period of care is commenced when the consumer has an admission and ceases with a [separation](#). The admission and/or separation may be formal or statistical.

Ambulatory episodes refer to the care provided to consumers in a non-admitted setting and which does not take place in an admitted or residential setting. The service providing the care may be a specialised community-based ambulatory mental health service or it may be a non-specialised non-admitted public hospital service. The commencement of an ambulatory episode will occur in conjunction with a service contact, that may have been triggered by a new referral to community care or, if the consumer has previously been treated by the ambulatory team, the recommencement of care for a specified purpose or goal.

Residential episodes refer to the period of care provided to a consumer who is admitted for care to a specialised community-based residential service. This period of care commences with an admission, and ceases with a separation. An episode reference period may be submitted when an episode continues for more than one financial year.

**Collection methods:**

The values for this data element can be derived from existing data collections in the following circumstances:

Admitted patients - [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY](#)

Residential patients - [Episode of residential care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#)

**Relational attributes****Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY Health](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

Has been superseded by [Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#)

[Health](#), Standard 23/12/2020  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/12/2023

See also [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY Health](#), Standard 06/09/2018  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 17/06/2020

See also [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, MMYYYY Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2021

See also [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, YYYY Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2021

See also [Episode of residential care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY Health](#), Standard 16/01/2020

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2020–21 Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021