

Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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Registration status:	Health , Superseded 23/12/2020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

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	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

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