Mental health legal status code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	727339
Registration status:	Health, Standard 20/01/2021
Definition:	A code set representing whether a person, at any time during an episode of admitted patient care, an episode of residential patient care, or treatment as a patient/client by a community based service at the time of contact, is treated on an involuntary basis under the relevant state or territory mental health legislation.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Involuntary patient
	2	Voluntary patient
Supplementary values:	9	Not reported/unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Involuntary patient
	Involuntary patient should only be recorded where detention or compulsory mental health treatment has been provided to the patient under the relevant legislation of the state or territory providing the care. This includes legislation relating to forensic mental health patients. Legislation relating to forensic patients may be separate to state and territory Mental Health Acts.
	CODE 2 Voluntary patient
	Voluntary patient should be recorded where the patient is not considered to be an involuntary patient under the mental health legislation for the state or territory providing the care.
	CODE 9 Not reported/unknown
	This code is to be used if the mental health legal status for the patient is either not reported or unknown.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Mental health legal status code N Health, Superseded 20/01/2021 Tasmanian Health, Standard 20/12/2016
Data elements implementing this value domain:	Episode of care—mental health legal status, code N Health, Standard 20/01/2021 Tasmanian Health, Standard 16/10/2023