

Episode of care—mental health legal status

Metadata item type: Data Element Concept
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- [Health](#), Standard 20/01/2021

Definition: Whether a person is treated on an involuntary basis under the relevant state or territory mental health legislation: at any time during an episode of admitted patient care or an episode of residential care, or at the time of contact for treatment as a patient/client by a community based service.

Involuntary patients are persons who are compulsorily treated in hospital or in the community under state and territory mental health legislation for the purpose of assessment or provision of appropriate treatment or care.

A patient's mental health legal status may change between contacts and during an episode of care.

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Object class: [Episode of care](#)
Definition: A period of health care with a defined start and end.
Specialisation of: [Service episode](#)

Source and reference attributes

Origin: National Health Data Committee

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Mental health legal status](#)
Definition: An indicator of whether care was provided under relevant state or territory mental health legislation compulsory treatment provisions.
Property group: [Legal characteristics](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Episode of care—mental health legal status](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 20/12/2016

**Data Elements
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Element Concept:**

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