

Service contact—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Group session indicator
Synonymous names:	Group service event flag
METEOR identifier:	730836
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 17/12/2021
Definition:	An indicator of whether a health service contact was delivered in a group, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Service contact—group session indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Boolean	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described This code is not for use in primary data collections.
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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:

CODE 1 Yes

This code indicates care that has been provided to two or more patients by the same health-care provider(s) at the same time (including via telehealth).

A group must have two or more persons attending in the capacity of patients in their own right.

One service event is recorded for each patient who attends a group session.

Spouses, parents or carers attending the session are counted for the group session only if they are also participating in the service as a patient (see definition of a service event).

A group session may be delivered by more than one provider. This may be multidisciplinary care within one clinic appointment as part of a group, e.g. a group session jointly delivered by a physiotherapist and an occupational therapist.

In practice, this should be interpreted to mean that patients are receiving precisely the same services. For example:

- Patients may be part of a movement or hydrotherapy class where all participants are following the same intervention at the same time.
- Patients attending education sessions at chemotherapy or dialysis clinics are group sessions, if two or more people are receiving the same services at the same time.

CODE 2 No

This code indicates that care was delivered to the patient as an individual (including via telehealth). An individual service event is provided to one person by one or more health-care providers. For example:

- Where a clinician works one-on-one with several different patients in the same space over a period of time but each patient is following their own personalised program (for example, where several patients are scheduled to use the physiotherapy gym at once).
- Where multiple persons, such as several family members and carers, meet with a clinician to discuss one patient only.
- Patients attending for treatment at a dialysis or a chemotherapy clinic are receiving individual services.

Collection methods:

For the purposes of activity based funding reporting, this data item can be derived from existing data elements.

Ambulatory specialised - This data element can be derived from [Mental health service contact—session type, code N](#).

Ambulatory non-specialised - This data element can be derived from [Non-admitted patient service event—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Service contact—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

Has been superseded by [Service contact—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

See also [Appointment—group session indicator, yes/no code N](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

See also [Mental health service contact—session type, code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 20/01/2021

See also [Mental health service contact—session type, code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 20/01/2021

See also [Non-admitted patient service event—group session indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/02/2021
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 28/03/2023

See also [Non-admitted patient service event—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2021–22](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

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Conditional obligation:

The data element is only required to be reported for patients with an ambulatory mental health episode of care.