

# Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 742188

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

**DSS type:** Data Set Specification (DSS)

**Scope:** The Activity based funding: Mental health care national best endeavours data set (ABF MHC NBEDS) defines information about patients receiving mental health care, funded by states and territories, that is associated with Australian public hospital services.

[Mental health care](#) is care in which the primary clinical purpose or treatment goal is improvement in the symptoms and/or psychosocial, environmental and physical functioning related to a patient's mental disorder. Mental health care:

- is delivered under the management of, or regularly informed by, a clinician with specialised expertise in mental health;
- is evidenced by an individualised formal mental health assessment and the implementation of a documented mental health plan; and
- may include significant psychosocial components, including family and carer support.

This includes services provided as assessment only activities.

The scope of the ABF MHC NBEDS is mental health care provided by services that are in-scope public hospital services under the [Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement 2020–25](#). This includes care delivered by specialised mental health services, public hospitals, Local Hospital Networks and non-government organisations (NGOs) managed or funded by state or territory health authorities. This also includes all in-scope services contracted by a public hospital, Local Hospital Network or jurisdiction regardless of the physical location of the contracting public hospital, [Local Hospital Network](#) or jurisdiction, or the location where the services are delivered. The ABF MHC NBEDS is intended to capture instances of service provision from the point of view of the patient.

Mental health care provided by services which are not in-scope public hospital services under the Addendum to the National Health Reform Agreement 2020–25 can also be reported.

Mental health care services that are considered in-scope may take place in [admitted](#), ambulatory, emergency department or [residential](#) settings. Activity that has taken place in the emergency department must only be reported through the ABF MHC NBEDS if it has been provided by an [ambulatory service](#) as part of an ambulatory mental health episode of care. These service contacts are provided by specialised mental health ambulatory care units and are also reported through the [Community mental health care NMDS 2022–23](#) (CMHC NMDS).

The ABF MHC NBEDS allows reporting of in-reach service contacts from specialised mental health community units into specialised mental health care admitted patient units, which are out of scope for the CMHC NMDS.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Statistical unit:** Episodes of mental health care

**Collection methods:** Data are collected at each hospital from patient administrative, financial and other systems. Hospitals forward data to the relevant state or territory health authority on a regular basis (for example, monthly).

*National reporting arrangements*

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority for national collation, on a quarterly basis. Only episodes which have a formal discharge within the reference period, or those which have a statistical discharge at the end of a reference period, should be reported.

*Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated*

Financial years ending 30 June each year.

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

**Comments:**

Whilst it is recognised that there may be activity undertaken by non-specialised ambulatory health services that meet the definition of mental health care, it is also acknowledged that jurisdictional system capabilities may prevent this activity being reported through this data set.

While the NBEDS provides guidance on the circumstances in which clinical measures should be reported for specific age groups, it is noted that it is a clinical decision as to the most appropriate measure to be used for a particular patient.

*Scope links with other National Minimum Data Sets (NMDSs) and NBEDSs*

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2022–23](#)

[Community mental health care NMDS 2022–23](#)

[Mental health establishments NMDS 2022–23](#)

[Residential mental health care NMDS 2022–23](#)

*Glossary items*

Glossary terms that are relevant to this data set specification are included here:

[Activity based funding](#)

[Admission](#)

[Admitted patient mental health care service](#)

[Ambulatory care](#)

[Ambulatory mental health care service](#)

[Episode of residential care end](#)

[Episode of residential care start](#)

[Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+](#)

[Local Hospital Network](#)

[Mental health care](#)

[Mental health phase of care](#)

[Multidisciplinary case conference](#)

[Reference period](#)

[Resident](#)

[Residential mental health care service](#)

[Resource Utilisation Groups-Activities of Daily Living](#)

[Separation](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**Supersedes [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2021–22](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

See also [Admitted patient care NMDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

See also [Community mental health care NMDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

See also [Individual Healthcare Identifier NBEDS 2022-23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

See also [Mental health establishments NMDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

See also [Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

See also [Residential mental health care NMDS 2022–23](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

**Metadata items in this Data Set Specification** [Show more detail](#)

| Seq No. | Metadata item  | Obligation  | Max occurs |
|---------|--|-------------|------------|
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of care—additional diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 12th edn) ANN{.N[N]}</a>   | Conditional | 99         |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N</a>               | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of care—FIHS psychosocial complications indicator, yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N</a> | Conditional | 7          |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of care—mental health phase of care end date, DDMMYYYY</a>   | Conditional | 99         |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of care—mental health phase of care start date, DDMMYYYY</a>   | Conditional | 99         |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of care—mental health phase of care, code N</a>  | Conditional | 99         |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of care—principal diagnosis, code (ICD-10-AM 12th edn) ANN{.N[N]}</a>  | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode end date, DDMMYYYY</a>   | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode end mode, code N[N{.N}]</a>  | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY</a>   | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode start mode, code N</a>   | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of mental health care—identifier, X[X(79)]</a>   | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Episode of mental health care—service provider setting origin, code N</a>  | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Establishment—activity based funding organisation identifier, NN[X]NNNNN</a>   | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Establishment—Local Hospital Network identifier, code NNN</a>  | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Mental health phase of care—number of leave days, total N[NN]</a>  | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Person—area of usual residence, statistical area level 2 (SA2) code (ASGS Edition 3) N(9)</a>                          | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN</a>   | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Person—date of birth, DDMMYYYY</a>   | Mandatory   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Person—Indigenous status, code N</a>   | Mandatory   | 1          |

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| - <a href="#">Person—level of difficulty with activities in a life area, abbreviated Life Skills Profile score code N</a>                    | Conditional | 16 |
| - <a href="#">Person—level of functional independence, Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living score code N</a>             | Conditional | 4  |
| - <a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Children's Global Assessment Scale score code N[NN]</a>                          | Conditional | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N</a>                          | Conditional | 24 |
| - <a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for Children and Adolescents score code N</a> | Conditional | 30 |
| - <a href="#">Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N</a>                              | Conditional | 24 |
| - <a href="#">Person—marital status, code N</a>  | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]</a>  | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Person—sex, code X</a>   | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Person—unit identifier type, mental health organisation type code NN</a>   | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Service contact—episode of care setting, code N</a>  | Conditional | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Service contact—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>                                   | Conditional | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Service contact—patient/client participation indicator, Yes/no/unknown code N</a>  | Conditional | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Service contact—service date, DDMMYYYY</a>   | Conditional | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Service contact—service duration, total minutes NNN</a>  | Conditional | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Service contact—source of funding, patient funding source code NN</a>  | Conditional | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Specialised mental health service—admitted patient service unit identifier, XXXXXX</a>   | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Specialised mental health service—admitted patient service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>                                      | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit identifier, XXXXXX</a>   | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Specialised mental health service—ambulatory service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>  | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Specialised mental health service—residential service unit identifier, XXXXXX</a>  | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Specialised mental health service—residential service unit name, text XXX[X(97)]</a>   | Mandatory   | 1  |
| - <a href="#">Specialised mental health service—target population group, code N</a>  | Conditional | 1  |