Episode of care—mental health phase of care, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Mental health phase of care |
| METEOR identifier: | 744325 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 17/12/2021  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 06/12/2023 |
| Definition: | The primary goal of treatment within the episode of care in terms of the recognised [**mental health phase of care**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/682464), as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Episode of care—mental health phase of care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/653130) |
| Value Domain: | [Mental health care phase code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745020) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Acute |
|  | 2 | Functional gain |
|  | 3 | Intensive extended |
|  | 4 | Consolidating gain |
| Supplementary values: | 7 | Not applicable |
|  | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The primary goal of care that is reflected in the patient's mental health treatment plan.  It reflects a prospective assessment of the primary goal of care at the time of collection, rather than a retrospective assessment.  CODE 1   Acute  The primary goals of care are intended to reduce high levels of distress, manage complex symptoms, contain and reduce immediate risk.  CODE 2   Functional gain  The primary goal of care is to improve personal, social or occupational functioning or promote psychosocial adaptation in a patient with impairment arising from a psychiatric disorder.  CODE 3   Intensive extended  The primary goal of care is prevention or minimisation of further deterioration, and reduction of risk of harm in a patient who has a stable pattern of severe symptoms, frequent relapses or severe inability to function independently and is judged to require care over an indefinite period.  CODE 4   Consolidating gain  The primary goal of care is to maintain the level of functioning, or improving functioning during a period of recovery, minimise deterioration or prevent relapse where the patient has stabilised and functions relatively independently. Consolidating gain may also be known as maintenance.  CODE 7 Not applicable  The phase of mental health care is not applicable.  CODE 9    Not stated/inadequately described  This code is not for use in primary data collections. |
| Comments: | Previously reported CODE 5 (Assessment only) has been removed as a [**mental health phase of care**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/682464) and redefined as an administrative data item. This is captured in [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745689). |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |
| Reference documents: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority 2016. Mental Health Phase of Care Guide. Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Sydney. Viewed 7 September 2016,  <https://www.ihpa.gov.au/publications/mental-health-phase-care-guide> |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Episode of care—mental health phase of care, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/730856)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/12/2021  See also [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745689)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 17/12/2021 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/742188)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/12/2022  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2022 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2023 ***Conditional obligation:***  Reporting of this data element is conditional on a CODE 2 'No' response to [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745689)  [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2023–24](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/756208)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024 ***Conditional obligation:***  Reporting of this data element is conditional on a CODE 2 'No' response to [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745689)  [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2024–25](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775778)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2024 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025 ***Conditional obligation:***  Reporting of this data element is conditional on a CODE 2 'No' response to [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/745689)  [National Outcomes and Casemix Collection NBEDS 2023-24](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/757052)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2023 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2024  [National Outcomes and Casemix Collection NBEDS 2024-25](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775852)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/12/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2024  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2025 |