Service contact—episode of care setting, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Patient episode setting
METEOR identifier:	744363
Registration status:	Health, Standard 17/12/2021
Definition:	The setting of a patient's primary episode of care when they utilise an ambulatory health service, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Service contact—episode of care setting
Value Domain:	Patient episode of care setting code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	1	Admitted patient—specialised mental health care unit
	2	Admitted patient—other
	3	Community patient—specialised mental health care unit
	4	Residential patient—specialised mental health care unit
	5	Emergency department patient
	6	Community patient—other
Supplementary values:	8	Unknown
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:
CODE 1   Admitted patient—specialised mental health care unit

This code is used for a patient who is admitted to a specialised mental health service that provides overnight care in a psychiatric hospital, a specialised mental health unit in an acute hospital or a specialised mental health care hospital-in-the-home service.

CODE 2   Admitted patient—other

This code is used for a patient who is admitted to a hospital service (including hospital-in-the-home) outside a designated psychiatric unit.

CODE 3   Community patient—specialised mental health care unit

This code is used for a patient who is in a specialised mental health service that provides mental health care within a community setting and is not admitted to an inpatient facility.

CODE 4   Residential patient—specialised mental health care unit

This code is used for a patient who is in a specialised mental health service that provides overnight care within a domestic-like environment. Residential mental health services may include rehabilitation, treatment or extended care.

CODE 5   Emergency department patient

This code is used for a patient who is in a hospital emergency department or emergency service.

CODE 6   Community patient—other

This code is used for a patient who is in a community care service that provides care in either the community and/or hospital-based ambulatory care setting outside of a specialised mental health service. These services may include hospital outpatient clinics.

Data element attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:
Supersedes Service contact—episode of care setting, code N Health, Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 20/12/2022
Implementation start date: 01/07/2022
Implementation end date: 30/06/2023
Conditional obligation:

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

DSS specific information:

For Activity based funding mental health care National best endeavours data set reporting, the **Service contact—episode of care setting, code N** data element is intended to be used in conjunction with the [Service contact—service date, DDMMYYYY](#) data element to allow users of the data set to identify service contacts which were provided by mental health services with an ambulatory service provider origin, to mental health patients in other settings such as those admitted to hospital, residential facilities or in emergency departments.

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