

# Ambulatory care

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**METEOR identifier:** 749893

**Registration status:**

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

**Definition:** Care provided to hospital patients who are not admitted to the hospital, such as patients of [emergency departments](#) and [outpatient clinics](#). The term is also used to refer to care provided to patients of community-based (non-hospital) health-care services.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Health Expenditure Advisory Committee

**Origin:** AIHW 2007. Mental health services in Australia 2004–05. AIHW cat. no. HSE 47. Canberra: AIHW (Mental Health Series no. 9).

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Ambulatory care](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

**Metadata items which use  
this glossary item:**

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23](#)

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

[Ambulatory service unit identifier](#)

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

[Ambulatory service unit name](#)

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

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

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

[Emergency department](#)

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

[Mental Health Carer Experience of Service NBEDS](#)

- [Health](#), Qualified 16/03/2022

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

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

[Outpatient clinic service](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018

[Person—unit identifier type, mental health organisation type code NN](#)

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

[Service contact—episode of care setting, code N](#)

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

[Service provider setting origin code N](#)

- [Health](#), Recorded 06/10/2021