

Service provider organisation—number of episodes of care, total episodes N[NNNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Number of episodes of care
METEOR identifier:	755625
Registration status:	Indigenous , Standard 07/04/2024
Definition:	The total number of episodes of care within the reference period for a service provider organisation.
Data Element Concept:	Service provider organisation—number of episodes of care
Value Domain:	Total episodes N[NNNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNNN]
Maximum character length:	5

Data element attributes

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Episode of care—number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services episodes of care. N[NN] Indigenous , Superseded 07/04/2024
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Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Online Services Report \(OSR\) DSS 2020–21](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 07/04/2024

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

DSS specific information:

In the OSR DSS only aggregate data on the number of episodes of care for the [funded organisation](#) during the financial year are provided to the AIHW. Data are disaggregated by:

- [Person—Indigenous status, code N](#)
 - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (CODE 1, CODE 2 or CODE 3)
 - Non-Indigenous (CODE 4)
 - Indigenous status not stated (CODE 9).
- [Person—sex, code X](#)
 - Male (CODE 1)
 - Female (CODE 2)
 - Gender not recorded (CODE 9) (Although reporting may vary, it is possible that in some funded organisations CODE 3 'Other' is included in this category for reporting).

For data collection, recording practices may vary between funded organisations so that:

- Although the term gender is used in the Health Data Portal for data collection, either sex or gender may be collected, with both variables reported together as 'sex'.
- Either 'Sex recorded at birth' or 'Sex reported at the time of collection' may be collected, with both variables reported together as 'sex'. It is likely that 'Sex reported at the time of collection' is most commonly collected.

An episode of care is a contact between an individual client and a service, with one or more staff, to provide health care (e.g. for sickness, injury, counselling, health education or screening) within one calendar day.

All contacts on the one day are treated holistically as one episode of care.

Health care activities to include as an episode of care:

- Health care provided through all sources of funding (e.g. First Nations Health Division, state government etc.);
- Health care provided through the funded organisation where the staff are volunteers or funded by another organisation;
- Outreach (care delivered at outstation visits, park clinics, satellite clinics etc.);
- Care delivered over the phone which results in an update to the patient's individual record;
- Transport only if it also involves direct provision of health care by the funded organisation's staff;
- Care delivered to visitors or transients;
- Telephone contact with clients that is of a clinical nature;
- Hospital contact with clients when they are in hospital; and
- Clinical consultation in 'other' locations (such as tents/car/under a tree, etc).

Health care activities to not include as an episode of care:

- Residential care.
- Groups (e.g. antenatal classes, men's groups, support groups).
- Administration contacts with clients (e.g. receptionist making a booking, arranging transport to a hospital clinic).
- Transport where no provision of health care is provided by the funded organisation's staff.