

# Aged care assessment—palliative care phase, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Aged care assessment palliative care phase
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	775226
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	The phase of palliative care recorded at the commencement of the aged care episode or during an aged care assessment, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Aged care assessment—palliative care phase</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	774832
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	The <a href="#">palliative care phase</a> that was recorded at the commencement of the aged care episode.

**Object class:** [Aged care assessment](#)

**Property:** [Palliative care phase](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health and Aged Care

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Palliative care phase code N</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	681032
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 18/01/2018 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 25/01/2018 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 19/05/2020 <a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing palliative care phases.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

Value	Meaning
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<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Stable
	2	Unstable
	3	Deteriorating
	4	Terminal
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	97	Not applicable
	98	Unknown/unable to be determined
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>The palliative care phase is the stage of the palliative care patient's illness.</p> <p><b>CODE 1 Stable</b></p> <p>Patient problems and symptoms are adequately controlled by an established plan of care and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• further interventions to maintain symptom control and quality of life have been planned and</li> <li>• family/carer situation is relatively stable and no new issues are apparent.</li> </ul> <p><b>CODE 2 Unstable</b></p> <p>An urgent change in the plan of emergency treatment is required because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the patient experiences a new problem that was not anticipated in the existing plan of care, and/or</li> <li>• the patient experiences a rapid increase in the severity of a current problem; and/or</li> <li>• the family/ carers circumstances change suddenly impacting on patient care.</li> </ul> <p><b>CODE 3 Deteriorating</b></p> <p>The care plan is addressing anticipated needs but requires periodic review because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the patient's overall functional status is declining and</li> <li>• the patient experiences a gradual worsening of an existing problem and/or</li> <li>• the patient experiences a new but anticipated problem and/or</li> <li>• the family/carers experience gradual worsening distress that impacts on the patient care.</li> </ul> <p><b>CODE 4 Terminal</b></p> <p>Death is likely within days.</p> <p><b>CODE 97 Not applicable</b></p> <p>This code is used where the assessment does not include palliative care phase or it is not required in relation to the aged care episode.</p> <p><b>CODE 98 Unknown/unable to be determined</b></p> <p>This code applies when the phase of the illness has not been reported</p> <p>Palliative care phases are not sequential and a patient may move back and forth between phases.</p> <p><b>CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described</b></p> <p>This code applies where the setting is not stated or inadequately described. This code is not to be used on primary collection forms.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health and Aged Care

**Origin:** Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration 2014. Palliative care outcomes collaboration: Clinical manual. Wollongong: University of Wollongong.

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The phase of palliative care is to be recorded for each residential aged care episode a person receives.

Palliative care phases are not necessarily sequential and a patient may transit back and forth between phases. Palliative care phases provide a clinical indication of the type of care required and have been shown to correlate strongly with survival within longitudinal prospective studies.

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**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health and Aged Care

**Reference documents:** [AN-ACC resources | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#). Viewed 9 January 2023, <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/an-acc-resources>

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Aged care assessment cluster](#)  
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

**Conditional obligation:**

For the Aged Care NMDS, this data element is conditional on code 4 being selected for [Aged care assessment—assessment type, code N\[N\]](#).