# Emergency service patient episode end status code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| **Metadata item type:** | Value Domain |
| **METEOR identifier:** | 778978 |
| **Registration status:** | Health, Standard 06/12/2023 |
| **Definition:** | A code set representing the status of a patient at the end of an emergency service episode. |

## Representational attributes

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| **Representation class:** | Code |
| **Data type:** | Number |
| **Format:** | N |
| **Maximum character length:** | 1 |

| | **Value** | **Meaning** |
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| **Permissible values:** | 1 | Transferred for admitted patient care in this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit) |
| | 2 | Emergency service stay completed - departed without being transferred to a short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit in this hospital or referred to another hospital |
| | 3 | Emergency service stay completed - referred to another hospital for admission |
| | 4 | Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional |
| | 5 | Left at own risk after being attended by a health care professional but before the emergency service stay was completed |
| | 6 | Died in emergency service |
| | 7 | Dead on arrival |
| | 8 | Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency service without being attended by a health care professional |

## Collection and usage attributes

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| **Guide for use:** | CODE 1   Transferred for admitted patient care in this hospital (either short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit) |
| | This code should only be used for patients who physically depart the emergency service because they are admitted to a short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit. |
| | Patients for whom the intention is to admit to a short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit, but who die or otherwise leave the emergency service should not be recorded as Code 1. |
| | This code excludes patients who died in the emergency service. Such instances should be coded to Code 6. |
| | CODE 2   Emergency service stay completed - departed without being transferred |

to a short stay unit, hospital-in-the-home or other admitted patient care unit in this hospital or referred to another hospital

This code includes patients who either departed under their own care, under police custody, under the care of a residential aged care facility or under the care of another carer.

This code excludes those who died in the emergency service as a non-admitted patient. Such instances should be coded to Code 6.

CODE 3 Emergency service stay completed - referred to another hospital for admission

This code should only be used for patients who physically depart the emergency service because they are referred to another hospital for admission.

Patients for whom the intention is to admit to another hospital, but who die or otherwise leave the emergency service before the emergency service stay is completed should not be recorded as Code 3.

This code excludes patients who died in the emergency service. Such instances should be coded to Code 6.

CODE 4  Did not wait to be attended by a health care professional

This code excludes patients who are advised of other health care services that could attend to their condition, and who leave the emergency service with the intention of attending another health care service. These patients should be coded to Code 8.

CODE 6  Died in emergency service

This code should only be used for patients who die while physically located within the emergency service.

CODE 7  Dead on arrival

This code should only be used for patients who are dead on arrival and an emergency service clinician certifies the death of the patient. This includes where the clinician certifies the death outside the emergency service (e.g. in an ambulance outside the emergency service).

Exclusion: When resuscitation or any other clinical care for the patient is attempted, Code 7 should not be used.

Note: Where Code 7 is recorded for a patient, an Emergency service stay—type of visit to emergency service, code N, Code 5 (Dead on arrival) should also be recorded.

CODE 8  Registered, advised of another health care service, and left the emergency service without being attended to by a health care professional

Patients should be coded to Code 8 if they meet all of the criteria (that is, they undergo a clerical registration process, are provided with advice about another health care service that could provide assessment and/or treatment of their condition, and leave the emergency service without receiving clinical care). However, patients should only be coded to Code 8 if, at the time of their departure, they provided a reasonable indication that they did intend to seek assistance from another health care service including the service to which they were referred.

They may leave the emergency service immediately after being advised of the other health care service, or may leave after a period of time.

If it is unclear whether the person intended to seek further treatment from another health care service, they should be coded to Code 4.

The health care service to which the patient is referred may include primary care/general practitioner (GP) clinics, other clinics that provide specialised treatment (e.g. for mental health care or drug and alcohol care), or other health services (such as the patient's usual general practitioner). The service may be co-located with the hospital in which the emergency service is located, or may be a

separate facility.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:**    Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**    Supersedes [Emergency service patient episode end status code N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**    [Emergency service stay—episode end status, code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023