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Leave and hospital-in-the-home care NBEDS 2024-25

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: **Data Set Specification**

METEOR identifier: 782298

Registration status: Health, Standard 06/12/2023 DSS type: Data Set Specification (DSS)

Scope: The scope of the Leave and hospital-in-the-home care national best endeavours

> data set (LHITH NBEDS) is periods of formal absences from care facilities within episodes of admitted patient care. Only episodes of admitted patient care within public hospitals and publicly funded episodes of admitted care within private

hospitals are included.

An absence from a care facility is defined as a period of leave or hospital-in-the-

home care (HITH), including part-day leave and part-day HITH.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: An absence from a care facility within an episode of admitted patient care.

Guide for use: Interaction with the Admitted patient care national minimum data set (APC

NMDS).

The LHITH NBEDS and APC NMDS work together to identify - and exclude from compliance activity - potential false positive data matches of duplicate National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) and Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)

payments for public hospital services.

Duplicate payments occur when the MBS is billed for a hospital service provided to a public patient that is already funded under NHRA/public patient funding or other Commonwealth or State arrangements. Subsection 19(2) of the Health Insurance Act 1973 states, unless the Minister otherwise directs, a Medicare benefit is not payable for a professional service if the service has already been paid for under another mechanism or arrangement with the Commonwealth, or state or territory government.

Identifying periods of leave or HITH within an episode of admitted patient care enables the Department of Health and Aged Care to identify potential duplicate

payments.

Collection methods: Data are collected at each hospital from patient administrative and clinical record

systems. Hospitals forward data to the relevant state or territory health authority, or

enter it into a state/territory wide system, on a regular basis (e.g., monthly).

National reporting arrangements

State and territory health authorities provide the data to the Australian Institute of

Health and Welfare (AlHW) for national collation on an annual basis.

Periods for which data are collected and nationally collated

Annually (financial year) ending 30 June each year.

Implementation start date: 01/07/2024 Implementation end date: 30/06/2025

Comments: Multiple absences from care facilities (periods of leave or hospital-in-the-home

care (HITH), including part-day leave and part-day HITH) may be recorded within

the same episode of admitted patient care.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health and Aged Care

Reference documents: COAG (Council of Australian Governments) 2011. National Health Reform

Agreement 2011. Canberra, COAG. Viewed 25 August 2023,

https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/agreements/national-health-reform-

agreement

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also Admitted patient care NMDS 2024–25

Health, Standard 06/12/2023

Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Episode of admitted patient care—absence from a facility end date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of admitted patient care—absence from a facility end time, hhmm	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of admitted patient care—absence from a facility start date, DDMMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of admitted patient care—absence from a facility start time, hhmm	Mandatory	1
-	Episode of admitted patient care—absence from a facility type, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Establishment—organisation identifier (Australian), NNX[X]NNNNN	Mandatory	1
-	Person—person identifier, XXXXXX[X(14)]	Mandatory	1
-	Record—identifier, X[X(14)]	Mandatory	1
	DSS specific information:		
	In the LHITH NBEDS this data element collects an identifier for each absence.		

- Record—identifier, X[X(79)]

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DSS specific information:

In the LHITH NBEDS this data element collects the State Record Identifier (SRI), which identifies the episode of admitted patient care. It should be a stable and unique identifier consistent with the Admitted Patient Care collection.

Each absence identifier must be unique across all records for the jurisdiction.