

National Healthcare Agreement: P29-Private sector mental health services, 2010

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Output measure
Short name:	Private sector mental health services, 2010
METEOR identifier:	394959
Registration status:	Health! , Superseded 08/06/2011
Description:	Ambulatory mental health services provided by private psychiatrists, GPs and allied health providers (including psychologists, occupational therapists and social workers).
Indicator set:	National Healthcare Agreement (2010) Health! , Superseded 08/06/2011
Outcome area:	Primary and Community Health Health! , Standard 07/07/2010
Data quality statement:	National Healthcare Agreement: P29-Private sector mental health services, 2010 QS Health! , Superseded 08/06/2011

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>Include <i>Better Access</i> Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items claimed by allied health professionals (including occupational therapists and social workers) in addition to private psychiatrists, GPs and psychologists.</p> <p>Inclusive of all mental-health related MBS items and includes some ambulatory-equivalent admitted patient mental health service contacts.</p> <p>Consultant psychiatrist services include MBS items 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 289, 291, 293, 296, 297, 299, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 319, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 353, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 361, 364, 366, 367, 369, 370, 855, 857, 858, 861, 864, 866, 14224</p> <p>GP and other services include MBS items 170, 171, 172, 2574, 2575, 2577, 2578, 2704, 2705, 2707, 2708, 2710, 2712, 2713, 2721, 2723, 2725, 2727</p> <p>Clinical psychologist services include MBS items 80000, 80005, 80010, 80015, 80020</p> <p>Other allied health services include MBS items 10956, 10968, 80100, 80105, 80110, 80115, 80120, 80125, 80130, 80135, 80140, 80145, 80150, 80155, 80160, 80165, 80170, 82000, 82015</p> <p>Presented per 1,000 population.</p> <p>Rates are directly age-standardised to the Australian population as at 30 June 2001.</p>
Computation:	$1,000 \times (\text{Numerator} \div \text{Denominator})$
Numerator:	Number of ambulatory mental health service contacts provided by private psychiatrists, general practitioners, clinical psychologists and other allied health providers (including registered psychologists, occupational therapists and social workers) claimed through the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).

Numerator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

MBS item number

Data Source

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used to identify mental health services

Data Element / Data Set

Service contact—service contact date

Data Source

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Denominator:

Total population

Denominator data elements:

Data Element / Data Set

Person—estimated resident population of Australia

Data Source

[ABS Estimated resident population \(total population\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census-based plus administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set

Person—estimated resident population of Australia

Data Source

[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections \(2001 Census-based\)](#)

Guide for use

Data source type: Census-based plus administrative by-product data

Disaggregation data elements:

Data Element / Data Set
Person (address)—Australian postcode

Data Source
[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Guide for use
Data source type: Administrative by-product data
Used for disaggregation by state/territory, remoteness area and SEIFA of residence.

Data Element / Data Set
Person—date of birth

Data Source
[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Guide for use
Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Data Element / Data Set
Person—sex

Data Source
[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Guide for use
Data source type: Administrative by-product data

Comments:

Specified disaggregation: Nationally and by state/territory (of patient residence): by sex, 10 year age groups, Indigenous status, remoteness area, SEIFA of residence and major service streams (see 'Other issues caveats' below).

Available disaggregation: Nationally and by state/territory (of patient residence): by sex, 10 year age groups, remoteness area, SEIFA of residence and major service streams (see 'Other issues caveats' below).

Data for 2008-09 is currently available.

Most recent data available for 2010 CRC baseline report: 2008-09

Representational attributes

Representation class: Rate
Data type: Real
Unit of measure: Person
Format: NN[NN].N

Indicator conceptual framework

Framework and dimensions: [Accessibility](#)

Data source attributes

Data sources:**Data Source**

[ABS Estimated resident population \(total population\)](#)

Frequency

Quarterly

Data quality statement

[ABS Estimated resident population \(total population\), QS](#)

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Data Source

[Medicare \(MBS\) data](#)

Frequency

Annually

Data custodian

Department of Health

Data Source

[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections \(2001 Census-based\)](#)

Frequency

Periodic

Data quality statement

[ABS Indigenous experimental estimates and projections, QS](#)

Data custodian

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Accountability attributes

Reporting requirements: National Healthcare Agreement

Organisation responsible for providing data: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Further data development / collection required: Specification: Interim

All relevant Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) mental health items should be included as an interim measure. In the longer term, look at better balance of GP activity on mental health, information about activity beyond the specified health professions and improve Indigenous identification in MBS data. This includes the development of an adjustment factor for MBS data using data from a currently available sample.

Not all private mental health services are covered by the MBS, including those provided in support of accident or crime compensation cases and DVA-funded cases. Further development of this indicator should attempt to cover the gap of non-MBS items through investigation of the possibility of using private health insurance data.

Other issues caveats: Major service streams are private psychiatrists, general practitioners, clinical psychologists and other allied health providers (including registered psychologists, occupational therapists and social workers).

MBS item numbers change over time and need to be updated as required.

Disaggregations within individual jurisdictions are subject to data quality considerations. Some disaggregations may result in numbers too small for publication.

Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) has been identified as a data source, however due to lack of data availability it has not been included in the calculation this reporting cycle. Inclusion in future reporting depends advice from DVA.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [National Healthcare Agreement: P129-Private sector mental health services, 2011](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P25-Specialist services claimed through Medicare, 2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

See also [National Healthcare Agreement: P28-Public sector community mental health services, 2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011