

Public dental waiting list episode—waiting list type, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Public dental waiting list type
METEOR identifier:	429615
Registration status:	HealthI , Standard 02/08/2012
Definition:	The type of public dental waiting list upon which a person is placed, as represented by a code.
Context:	Public dental waiting times
Data Element Concept:	Public dental waiting list episode—waiting list type
Value Domain:	Dental waiting list type code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	General dental care
	2	Denture care
	3	Assessment
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 General dental care The person is on a waiting list to receive general dental care. 'General dental care' is any examination and treatment relating to natural teeth and soft tissue resulting in a person being dentally fit, excluding specialist services and denture treatment.
	CODE 2 Denture care The person is on a waiting list to receive denture care. 'Denture care' is provision of full or partial dentures or other dental prosthetic devices for the full or partial restoration and/or maintenance of oral health, function and appearance.
	CODE 3 Assessment The person is on a waiting list for an assessment. An 'assessment' is a consultation and examination to determine future treatment.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Origin: Victorian Department of Human Services - Public dental non-urgent care wait list policy

Reference documents: Victorian Department of Human Services 2011. Public dental non-urgent care wait list policy. Victorian Department of Human Services, Melbourne. Viewed 17 August 2011, <http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/Public-dental-non-urgent-care-wait-list-policy-July-2007>

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Jurisdictions often maintain separate waiting lists for different categories of dental treatment. For example, a person waiting for dentures will be placed on a denture waiting list, while a person waiting for a check-up may be placed on a waiting list for general dental care. The lists are likely to have different waiting times so it is necessary to differentiate between lists.

The 'Assessment' code should only be used if the person is placed on a specific waiting list for assessment which is distinct from the waiting lists for general dental care or denture care. If the jurisdiction does not have a separate 'Assessment' waiting list, then waiting list episodes should be recorded using the 'General dental care' or 'Denture care' codes, even if an assessment to determine future treatment is included in the course of care.

The calculation of total waiting time will differ between jurisdictions that use an assessment waiting list and those that do not.

In cases where a person is on a waiting list for both general dental care and denture care—for example, a person with natural teeth requiring partial dentures is placed on a waiting list for denture care following completion of general care—this should be counted as two separate waiting list episodes.

In cases where a person is on a waiting list for combined general and denture care—that is, a person with natural teeth requiring partial denture treatment is given partial denture treatment within a course of general care without a person being placed on a denture waiting list—this should be counted as a single general care waiting list episode.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Public dental waiting times DSS 2012-13 Health!](#), Superseded 09/11/2012
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2013-2018 Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2013
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

[Public dental waiting times NMDS 2018-Health!](#), Standard 25/01/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Disaggregation

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2017
Health!](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2018
Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2019
Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2020
Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2021
Health!](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 13–Waiting times for public dentistry, 2022
Health!](#), Standard 24/09/2021