

# Episode of mental health care—episode start date

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element Concept
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	614070
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Superseded 28/02/2017
<b>Definition:</b>	The date on which the patient commences an episode of mental health care.
<b>Context:</b>	Specialised and non-specialised mental health care services for the purposes of activity based funding reporting.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of mental health care</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	The period of <a href="#">mental health care</a> between the formal or statistical commencement of care (such as an <a href="#">admission</a> ) and a formal or statistical completion of care (such as a <a href="#">separation</a> ) characterised by the <a href="#">mental health care type</a> .
<b>Context:</b>	Mental health care.

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	This treatment and/or care provided to a patient during an episode of care can occur in three different settings: admitted, ambulatory or residential.
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### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
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## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Episode start date</a>
<b>Definition:</b>	The date on which an episode commenced.
<b>Property group:</b>	<a href="#">Entry into service event</a>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element concept attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The definition of a start date on which an episode of care commences may differ between settings. Therefore, for the purposes of activity based funding reporting the following definitions apply:

Admitted episodes refer to the period of care provided to a consumer who is admitted for care to a specialised psychiatric inpatient service or to a general public hospital for the purposes of receiving mental health care (i.e. the consumer would have a mental health care type). The period of care is commenced when the consumer has an admission and ceases with a discharge. The admission and/or discharge may be formal or statistical.

Ambulatory episodes refer to the care provided to consumers in a non-admitted setting and which does not take place in an admitted or residential setting. The service providing the care may be a specialised community-based ambulatory mental health service or it may be a non-specialised non-admitted public hospital service. The commencement of an ambulatory episode will occur in conjunction with a service contact, that may have been triggered by a new referral to community care or, if the consumer has previously been treated by the ambulatory team, the recommencement of care for a specified purpose or goal.

Residential episodes refer to the period of care provided to a consumer who is admitted for care to a specialised community-based residential service. This period of care commences with an admission, and ceases with a discharge. An episode reference period may be submitted when an episode continues for more than one financial year.

The values for this data element can be derived from existing data collections in the following circumstances:

Admitted patients - [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY](#)

Residential patients - [Episode of residential care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](#).

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Episode of mental health care—episode start date Health!](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

See also [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018  
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020

See also [Episode of residential care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept:**

[Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 28/02/2017