

Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Level of psychiatric symptom severity (HoNOS 65+ score)
METEOR identifier:	640065
Registration status:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Recorded 04/08/2016 Tasmanian Health , Superseded 19/01/2018 Health! , Superseded 25/01/2018
Definition:	An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms, as represented by a HoNOS 65+ score-based code.
Context:	Psychiatric symptom severity, persons aged 65 years and over.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity
METEOR identifier:	539187
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 11/04/2014 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 15/10/2014 Tasmanian Health , Standard 20/12/2016
Definition:	An assessment of the severity of a person's psychiatric symptoms.
Object class:	Person
Property:	Level of psychiatric symptom severity

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N
METEOR identifier:	640062
Registration status:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Recorded 04/08/2016 Health! , Superseded 25/01/2018 Tasmanian Health , Superseded 06/05/2020
Definition:	A code set representing the severity of psychiatric symptoms of an individual aged 65 years and over.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0	No problems within the period stated

	1	Minor problem requiring no action
	2	Mild problem but definitely present
	3	Moderately severe problem
	4	Severe to very severe problem
Supplementary values:	8	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 8 Unknown

This code should be used for Health of the Nation Outcome Scale for elderly people (HoNOS 65+) values that are missing or recorded in the HoNOS 65+ tool as '9 - Unknown'.

The HoNOS 65+ is used to rate adult mental health service users. Together, the scales rate various aspects of mental and social health.

HoNOS 65+ is answered on an item-specific anchored 4-point scale with higher scores indicating more problems. Each scale is assigned a value of between 0 and 4, or 9 for unknown. The twelve scales are as follows:

- Behavioural disturbance
- Non-accidental self injury
- Problem drinking or drug use
- Cognitive problems
- Problems related to physical illness or disability
- Problems associated with hallucinations and delusions
- Problems associated with depressive symptoms
- Other mental and behavioural problems
- Problems with social or supportive relationships
- Problems with activities of daily living
- Overall problems with living conditions
- Problems with work and leisure activities and the quality of the daytime environment.

The sum of the individual scores of each of the scales represents the total HoNOS 65+ score. The total HoNOS 65+ score ranges from 0 to 48, and represents the overall severity of an individual's psychiatric symptoms.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

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Reference documents: Royal College of Psychiatrists 2017. Health of the Nation Outcome Scales (HoNOS). Viewed 18 January 2017, <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/training/honos/whatishonos.aspx>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 28/02/2017

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 12/11/2015

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/01/2018

Has been superseded by [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale 65+ score code N](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 06/05/2020

See also [Person—level of psychiatric symptom severity, Health of the Nation Outcome Scale score code N](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2017-18](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Conditional obligation:

Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ at the start of the mental health phase of care is mandatory for patients in all settings.

Reporting of the HoNOS 65+ is not mandatory if mental health phase of care is reported as Assessment Only.

The HoNOS 65+ should only be reported for patients aged 65 years and over.

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2017-18](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Recorded 04/08/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2017

Implementation end date: 30/06/2018

Conditional obligation:

Only the HoNOS65+ scores at admission are required to be reported.

Only required to be reported for episodes of admitted patient care with [Hospital service—care type, code N\[N\]](#) recorded as Code 5, Psychogeriatric care.

Implementation in Indicators:

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 01J – Change in consumer's clinical outcomes, 2017](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 14/06/2017