Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Episode of mental health care start date |
| METEOR identifier: | 653738 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 25/01/2018 |
| Definition: | The date on which an episode of mental health care formally or statistically commences, as expressed as DDMMYYYY. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Episode of mental health care—episode start date](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/653740) |
| Value Domain: | [Date DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270566) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Date | |
| Data type: | Date/Time | |
| Format: | DDMMYYYY | |
| Maximum character length: | 8 | |



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| Data element 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 [**separation**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327268). The admission and/or [**separation**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327268) 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 [**separation**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/327268). An episode reference period may be submitted when an episode continues for more than one financial year. |
| Collection methods: | 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](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/269967)  Residential patients - [Episode of residential care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/534048). |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/614072)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Superseded 28/02/2017  Has been superseded by [Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/680898)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 17/01/2020 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2017-18](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/639992)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 25/01/2018  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2017  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2018 |