

# Service contact—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>   | Data Element   |
| <b>Short name:</b>           | Group session indicator  |
| <b>Synonymous names:</b>     | Group service event flag   |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>    | 676226   |
| <b>Registration status:</b>  | <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 17/01/2020  |
| <b>Definition:</b>           | An indicator of whether a health service contact was delivered in a group, as represented by a code. |
| <b>Data Element Concept:</b> | <a href="#">Service contact—group session indicator</a>  |
| <b>Value Domain:</b>         | <a href="#">Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>                                      |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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| <b>Representation class:</b>     | Code         |                                   |
| <b>Data type:</b>                | Number       |                                   |
| <b>Format:</b>                   | N            |                                   |
| <b>Maximum character length:</b> | 1            |                                   |
|                                  | <b>Value</b> | <b>Meaning</b>                    |
| <b>Permissible values:</b>       | 1            | Yes                               |
|                                  | 2            | No                                |
| <b>Supplementary values:</b>     | 9            | Not stated/inadequately described |

### Collection and usage attributes

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| <b>Guide for use:</b> | CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described<br>This code is not for use in primary data collections. |
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

CODE 1 Yes

This code indicates care that has been provided to two or more patients by the same health-care provider(s) at the same time (including via telehealth).

A group must have two or more persons attending in the capacity of patients in their own right.

One service event is recorded for each patient who attends a group session.

Spouses, parents or carers attending the session are counted for the group session only if they are also participating in the service as a patient (see definition of a service event).

A group session may be delivered by more than one provider. This may be multidisciplinary care within one clinic appointment as part of a group, e.g. a group session jointly delivered by a physiotherapist and an occupational therapist.

In practice, this should be interpreted to mean that patients are receiving precisely the same services. For example:

- Patients may be part of a movement or hydrotherapy class where all participants are following the same intervention at the same time.
- Patients attending education sessions at chemotherapy or dialysis clinics are group sessions, if two or more people are receiving the same services at the same time.

CODE 2 No

This code indicates that care was delivered to the patient as an individual (including via telehealth). An individual service event is provided to one person by one or more health-care providers. For example:

- Where a clinician works one-on-one with several different patients in the same space over a period of time but each patient is following their own personalised program (for example, where several patients are scheduled to use the physiotherapy gym at once).
- Where multiple persons, such as several family members and carers, meet with a clinician to discuss one patient only.
- Patients attending for treatment at a dialysis or a chemotherapy clinic are receiving individual services.

**Collection methods:**

For the purposes of activity based funding reporting, this data item can be derived from existing data elements.

Ambulatory specialised - This data element can be derived from [Mental health service contact—session type, code N](#).

Ambulatory non-specialised - This data element can be derived from [Non-admitted patient service event—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#).

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

**Relational attributes**

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Service contact—group session status, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

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

Has been superseded by [Service contact—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 23/12/2020

See also [Appointment—group session indicator, yes/no code N](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

See also [Mental health service contact—session type, code N](#)

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

See also [Non-admitted patient service event—group session indicator, yes/no/not applicable/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 05/02/2021

See also [Non-admitted patient service event—group session indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2018-19](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Conditional obligation:**

The data element is only required to be reported for patients with an ambulatory mental health episode of care.

[Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2019-20](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

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[Allied health admitted patient care NBPDS](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Allied health non-admitted patient NBPDS](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 12/12/2018

[Allied health non-individual patient attributable and clinical support activity NBPDS](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 12/12/2018

**Conditional obligation:**

All NIPA events must indicate if it was a group session.