

# 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:	722601
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 23/12/2020
Definition:	The date on which an episode of mental health care formally or statistically commences, expressed as DDMMYYYY.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	<a href="#">Episode of mental health care—episode start date</a>
METEOR identifier:	723143
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 17/01/2020
Definition:	The date on which an episode of mental health care formally or statistically commences.
Context:	Specialised and non-specialised mental health care services for the purposes of activity based funding reporting.
Object class:	<a href="#">Episode of mental health care</a>
Property:	<a href="#">Episode start date</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>
METEOR identifier:	270566
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Early Childhood</a> , Standard 21/05/2010 <a href="#">Homelessness</a> , Standard 23/08/2010 <a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 31/10/2012 <a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 06/03/2014 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 11/08/2014 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Standard 14/10/2015 <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a> , Retired 01/07/2016 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 31/08/2016 <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 22/11/2016 <a href="#">Youth Justice</a> , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	The day of a particular month and year.

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time

**Format:** DDMMYYYY

**Maximum character length:** 8

## 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](#). The admission and/or separation 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. 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](#)

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

### Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Superseded 17/01/2020

Has been superseded by [Episode of mental health care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Standard 23/12/2020

See also [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Standard 06/09/2018  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 17/06/2020

See also [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, MMYYYY Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2021

See also [Episode of admitted patient care—admission date, YYYY Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 06/05/2021

See also [Episode of residential care—episode start date, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Standard 16/01/2020

**Implementation in Data Set** [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2020–21](#)  
**Specifications:** [Health!](#), Superseded 23/12/2020  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020  
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