Mental health legal status code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 727339 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 20/01/2021 |
| Definition: | A code set representing whether a person, at any time during an episode of admitted patient care, an episode of residential patient care, or treatment as a patient/client by a community based service at the time of contact, is treated on an involuntary basis under the relevant state or territory mental health legislation. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Involuntary patient |
|   | 2 | Voluntary patient |
| Supplementary values: | 9  | Not reported/unknown  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | CODE 1     Involuntary patientInvoluntary patient should only be recorded where detention or compulsory mental health treatment has been provided to the patient under the relevant legislation of the state or territory providing the care. This includes legislation relating to forensic mental health patients. Legislation relating to forensic patients may be separate to state and territory Mental Health Acts.CODE 2     Voluntary patientVoluntary patient should be recorded where the patient is not considered to be an involuntary patient under the mental health legislation for the state or territory providing the care.CODE 9     Not reported/unknownThis code is to be used if the mental health legal status for the patient is either not reported or unknown. |

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| Relational attributes  |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Mental health legal status code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/471181)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Superseded 20/01/2021[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), Standard 20/12/2016 |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Episode of care—mental health legal status, code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/727343)[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 20/01/2021 |