

Episode of care—mental health phase of care, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Mental health phase of care
METEOR identifier:	744325
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 17/12/2021
Definition:	The primary goal of treatment within the episode of care in terms of the recognised mental health phase of care , as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Episode of care—mental health phase of care
Value Domain:	Mental health care phase code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Acute
	2	Functional gain
	3	Intensive extended
	4	Consolidating gain
Supplementary values:	7	Not applicable
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>The primary goal of care that is reflected in the patient's mental health treatment plan.</p> <p>It reflects a prospective assessment of the primary goal of care at the time of collection, rather than a retrospective assessment.</p> <p>CODE 1 Acute</p> <p>The primary goals of care are intended to reduce high levels of distress, manage complex symptoms, contain and reduce immediate risk.</p> <p>CODE 2 Functional gain</p> <p>The primary goal of care is to improve personal, social or occupational functioning or promote psychosocial adaptation in a patient with impairment arising from a psychiatric disorder.</p> <p>CODE 3 Intensive extended</p> <p>The primary goal of care is prevention or minimisation of further deterioration, and reduction of risk of harm in a patient who has a stable pattern of severe symptoms, frequent relapses or severe inability to function independently and is judged to require care over an indefinite period.</p> <p>CODE 4 Consolidating gain</p> <p>The primary goal of care is to maintain the level of functioning, or improving functioning during a period of recovery, minimise deterioration or prevent relapse where the patient has stabilised and functions relatively independently. Consolidating gain may also be known as maintenance.</p> <p>CODE 7 Not applicable</p> <p>The phase of mental health care is not applicable.</p> <p>CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described</p> <p>This code is not for use in primary data collections.</p>
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Comments: Previously reported CODE 5 (Assessment only) has been removed as a [mental health phase of care](#) and redefined as an administrative data item. This is captured in [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](#).

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
Reference documents:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority 2016. Mental Health Phase of Care Guide. Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Sydney. Viewed 7 September 2016, https://www.iHPA.gov.au/publications/mental-health-phase-care-guide

Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Episode of care—mental health phase of care, code N Health! , Superseded 17/12/2021
	See also Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N Health! , Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Activity based funding: Mental health care NBEDS 2022–23](#)
[Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a CODE 2 'No' response to [Episode of care—clinical assessment only indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described, code N](#)