

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<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>	744359
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 17/12/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether a health service contact was delivered in a group, as represented by a code.

## Data element concept attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Service contact—group session indicator</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	744357
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 17/12/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether a health service contact was delivered in a group.
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Service contact</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Group session indicator</a>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
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## Value domain attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	301747
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 21/09/2005 <a href="#">Housing assistance</a> , Standard 10/02/2006 <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 14/02/2006 <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 01/11/2012 <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 07/10/2014 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 13/03/2015 <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 22/11/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing 'yes', 'no' and 'not stated/inadequately described'.

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described  
This code is not for use in primary data collections.

## 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 indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

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!](#), Standard 20/01/2021

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 2022–23](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 17/12/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2023

**Conditional obligation:**

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