

Indicator: Emergency Department Presentation								
Indicator Definition								
Proportion of residents who had an emergency department presentation								
Indicator Specification								
<p>Numerator data source SA APC, SA NAEC, NSW APDC, NSW EDDC, VAED, VAMD, QLD EDC, QHAPDC</p> <p>Numerator Number of permanent residents who had an emergency department presentation</p> <p>Denominator Number of permanent residents</p> <p>Exclusions None</p> <p>Covariates Age, sex, number of unplanned hospitalisations in the 365 days prior to the reporting period or entry into care (Table 1), number of health conditions, AN-ACC classification (Table 2)</p>								
<p>Table 1. Unplanned hospitalisations in the 365 days prior to care entry</p> <table> <tr> <th>Data source</th><th>Definition</th><th>Codes</th></tr> <tr> <td>SA APC, SA NAEC, NSW APDC, NSW EDDC, VAED, VAMD, QLD EDC, QHAPDC</td><td>Number of non-elective overnight inpatient hospitalisations in the 365 days prior to the start of the reporting period, or date of entry into permanent residential aged care for new residents during the reporting period.</td><td> Identify all hospitalisation records within 365 days prior to entry for the study period. Unplanned indicator: 1 = Emergency 0 = Elective/Elective: Waiting list Sum all unplanned admissions (indicator = 1) per individual to calculate total inpatient hospitalisations in the prior year. </td></tr> </table> <p>SA APC: South Australian Admitted Patient Care. SA NAEC: South Australian Non-Admitted Emergency Care. NSW APDC: New South Wales Admitted Patient Data Collection. NSW EDDC: New South Wales Emergency Department Data Collection. VAED: Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset. VEMD: Victorian Emergency Minimum Dataset. QLD EDC: Queensland Emergency Department Collection. QHAPDC: Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection.</p>			Data source	Definition	Codes	SA APC, SA NAEC, NSW APDC, NSW EDDC, VAED, VAMD, QLD EDC, QHAPDC	Number of non-elective overnight inpatient hospitalisations in the 365 days prior to the start of the reporting period, or date of entry into permanent residential aged care for new residents during the reporting period.	Identify all hospitalisation records within 365 days prior to entry for the study period. Unplanned indicator: 1 = Emergency 0 = Elective/Elective: Waiting list Sum all unplanned admissions (indicator = 1) per individual to calculate total inpatient hospitalisations in the prior year.
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Table 2. AN-ACC classification

Data source	Description	Codes
NACDC-AN-ACC	<p>Classification of residents that reflects their characteristics, care needs and determines the associated variable residential care subsidy, which is determined through residential aged care funding assessment using the AN-ACC assessment tool.</p> <p>There are 13 AN-ACC classes for permanent residents, including a class for planned admissions for palliative care.</p>	<p>1 – Class 1 (admit for palliative care)</p> <p>2 – Class 2 (independent without compounding factors)</p> <p>3 – Class 3 (independent with compounding factors)</p> <p>4 – Class 4 (assisted mobility, high cognition without compounding factors)</p> <p>5 – Class 5 (assisted mobility, high cognition with compounding factors)</p> <p>6 – Class 6 (assisted mobility, medium cognition without compounding factors)</p> <p>7 – Class 7 (assisted mobility, high cognition with compounding factors)</p> <p>8 – Class 8 (assisted mobility, low cognition)</p> <p>9 – Class 9 (not mobile, higher function without compounding factors)</p> <p>10 – Class 10 (not mobile, higher function with compounding factors)</p> <p>11 – Class 11 (not mobile, lower function, lower pressure sore risk)</p> <p>12 – Class 12 (not mobile, lower function, higher pressure sore risk without compounding factors)</p> <p>13 – Class 13 (not mobile, lower function, higher pressure sore risk with compounding factors)</p>

NACDC: National Aged Care Data Clearinghouse. **AN-ACC:** Australian National Aged Classification

Comments

Excludes emergency department presentations where visit type is not “Emergency Presentation”, e.g. “Outpatient Clinic”, “Return visit – planned”, “Pre-arranged admission”

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