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Abbreviations

AN-SNAP	Australian National Subacute and Non-acute Patient
AOS	AROC Online Services
AROC	Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre
ePalCIS	Electronic Palliative Care Information System
FIM	Functional Independence Measure
FRIC	Frailty Related Index of Comorbidities
GEM	Geriatric Evaluation and Management
HMDS	Hospital Morbidity Data System
HoNOS	Health of the Nation Outcome Scales
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IHACPA	Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority
PAS	Patient Administration System
PSOLIS	Psychiatric Services On-line Information System
RUG-ADL	Resource Utilisation Groups - Activities of Daily Living
SANA	Subacute and Non-acute
SANADC	Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection
SMMSE	Standardised Mini-Mental State Examination
UMRN	Unit Medical Record Number
WA	Western Australia
webPAS	Web-based Patient Administration System

1. Purpose

The purpose of the *Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection Data Specifications* is to outline the requirements for WA Health and Contracted Health Entities to report subacute and non-acute patient activity to the Department of Health, as the System Manager.

Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection Data Specifications is a Related Document mandated under [MP 0164/21 Patient Activity Data Policy](#).

These data specifications are to be read in conjunction with this policy and other Related Documents and Supporting Information as follows:

- [Admitted Patient Activity Data Business Rules](#)
- [Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection Data Dictionary](#)
- [Patient Activity Data Policy Information Compendium](#).

2. Background

Subacute and non-acute (SANA) patient activity data must be recorded in approved Patient Administration Systems (PAS) in an accurate and timely manner so that the data are available and can be accessed for inclusion into the Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection (SANADC).

The SANADC includes data collected routinely during admitted SANA episodes but also captures additional clinical information that varies according to the episode care type.

For reliability purposes, all demographic, admission, discharge and morbidity information for SANA episodes are sourced directly from the Hospital Morbidity Data System (HMDS) after they have been through the HMDS data quality cycle.

To enable the coding of SANA episodes to the Australian National Subacute and Non-acute Patient (AN-SNAP) classification, sites are required to submit additional clinical assessment data items for each episode of care. As per the table below, the additional data items required depends on the age of the patient and the care type, with all data items to be collected on admission.

Care type	FIM™ scores	FRIC score	HoNOS 65+ scores	Impairment code	SMMSE	RUG-ADL scores	Phase(s) of care
Adult episodes							
Rehabilitation	✓			✓			
GEM	✓	✓ **			✓ *		
Psychogeriatric			✓				
Palliative						✓	✓
Non-acute / Maintenance		✓ **					
Paediatric episodes							
Rehabilitation				✓			
Palliative							✓

* In WA the SMMSE is not always administered for GEM patients. If an SMMSE has been performed, the SMMSE scores should be recorded and submitted.

** AN-SNAP version 5.0 incorporated FRIC scores in the classification of Non-acute and GEM Episodes. As such, these scores are calculated using ICD-10-AM coding of the patient's diagnosis.

3. Contact details requirements

Data providers must complete the contact details form (Appendix A) and provide contact details for two people who can be contacted in the event of data submission queries or issues:

- ICT technical contact – for data load/extract issues
- Information management contact – for data queries.

4. Submission of data

Data must be submitted to the SANADC in accordance with the data submission schedule ([Section 5](#)) and data element listing ([Section 6](#)) outlined below, unless otherwise agreed to with the SANADC Custodian.

Files must be submitted in accordance with the SANA data file structure (Appendix B).

5. Data submission schedule

Data must be made available for the relevant reporting period as per the schedule set below:

PAS	Reporting Period	Provided to SANADC	Notes
webPAS	Monday - Sunday	Monday, 1am	All care types
AOS	Monday - Sunday	Monday, 1am	Rehabilitation
PSOLIS	Monday - Sunday	Monday, 1am	Psychogeriatric
ePalCIS	Monday - Sunday	Monday, 1am	Palliative

Data providers that use an alternate information system are required to submit data monthly or on request by the Department in an electronic format that is compliant with these specifications and the [Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection Data Dictionary](#).

6. Data element listing

Data providers must ensure that data is made available as per the specifications in the following appendices:

- [Appendix C](#) – Rehabilitation data elements
- [Appendix D](#) – GEM data elements
- [Appendix E](#) – Psychogeriatric data elements
- [Appendix F](#) – Palliative data elements
- [Appendix G](#) – Maintenance/Non-acute data elements

7. Data quality and validation correction process

Data providers are responsible for the quality of data provided. The Quality and Assurance Team at the Department of Health undertake data quality validations to ensure that data is compliant with reporting specifications, and the five data quality principles:

- relevance
- accuracy
- timeliness
- coherence
- interpretability.

Data validation and errors are distributed to the reporting hospital via dashboards, spreadsheets or ad hoc communication.

It is the responsibility of health care providers, administrative, clinical coding and clerical staff to complete and correct data validations in the relevant clinical information system/s within required timeframes, as communicated by the Department of Health as the System Manager.

Examples of data quality validations may include, but are not limited to the following:

- patient demographics
- reporting of blank or incorrect values. For example, a patient's assessment dates documented as occurring outside that patient's admission and separation dates.
- availability of sufficient information to enable reporting to the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA).

8. Definitions

The following definition(s) are relevant to this document.

Term	Definition
Contracted Health Entity	A non-government entity that provides health services to the State under a contract or other agreement entered into with – (a) a Health Service Provider; or (b) the Department CEO, the Minister or the Premier on behalf of the State.
Custodian	A custodian manages the day-to-day operations of the information asset(s) and implements policy on behalf of the Steward and Sponsor.
Data Collection	Refer to Information Asset
Data Specifications	Data Specifications mandate the list of data elements, format and submission schedule for each information asset.
Frailty Related Index of Comorbidities (FRIC)	A proxy measure of frailty derived from a patient's diagnosis (using ICD-10-AM diagnoses codes) which is used to classify geriatric evaluation and management care and non-acute care. It is not a clinical measure of frailty but a reliable predictor of the costs associated with healthcare.
Health Service Provider	A Health Service Provider established by an order made under section 32(1)(b) of the Health Services Act 2016 and may include North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS), South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS), Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS), WA Country Health Service (WACHS), East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS), PathWest, Quadriplegic Centre and Health Support Services (HSS).
Information asset	A collection of information that is recognised as having value for the purpose of enabling the WA health system to perform its clinical and business functions, which include supporting processes, information flows, reporting and analytics.
Information Management Policy Framework	The Information Management Policy Framework specifies the information management requirements that all WA Health entities must comply with in order to ensure effective and consistent management of health, personal and business information across the WA health system.
Patient Activity Data Business Rules	Patient Activity Data Business Rules mandate the rules, scope and criteria to be used when recording health service patient activity data and reporting to the Department of Health, as the System Manager.

Term	Definition
Palliative Phase of Care	The palliative phase of care identifies a clinically meaningful period in a patient's condition. The palliative phase of care is determined by a holistic clinical assessment which considers the needs of the patients and their family and carers.
System Manager	The term used to describe the Department CEO's role in managing the WA health system to the extent necessary to provide stewardship, strategic leadership and direction and to allocate resources for the provision of public health services in the State under section 19 of the Health Services Act 2016.
WA Health entities	<p>WA health entities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Health Service Providers as established by an order made under section 32 (1)(b) of the Health Services Act 2016; (ii) Department of Health as an administrative division of the State of Western Australia pursuant to section 35 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994.
WA Health system	<p>The WA health system is comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Department; (ii) Health Service Providers; and (iii) Contracted health entities, to the extent they provide health services to the State.

9. References

These data specifications should be read in conjunction with the information linked below:

[IHACPA - Subacute and Non-acute Care](#)

[IHACPA - Australian National Subacute and Non-acute Patient Classification Version 5.0](#)

[IHACPA - Data Set Specifications](#)

Appendix A – Contact details form



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Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection Data Provider Contact Details Form

The purpose of this form is to collect contact information for persons providing data to the Subacute and Non-acute Data Collection.

Name of Data Provider or Feeder System Click or tap here to enter text.

Date Click or tap here to enter text.

ICT Technical Contact

Please provide details for the person to contact regarding technical queries (e.g. data loading, extract issues)

Name Click or tap here to enter text.

Position Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Click or tap here to enter text.

Information Management Contact

Please provide contact details for the person to contact regarding data queries (e.g. queries relating to data interpretation)

Name Click or tap here to enter text.

Position Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone Click or tap here to enter text.

Please submit this form to sana.data@health.wa.gov.au

Appendix B – SANA data file structure

Subacute care in this data file is identified as admitted episodes in rehabilitation care, geriatric evaluation and management care, psychogeriatric care and palliative care.

Non-acute care in this data file is identified as admitted episodes in maintenance care.

The submission file is to be provided in .csv format.

Data included in Item 1 to Item 18 below is dependent on the care type of the episode being reported. These data items contain the scores of the clinical assessment tool being used.

The data items used, by assessment measure, are as follows:

- FIM™ Score: Item 1 to Item 18 (excluding Item 8a)
- HoNOS 65+ Score: Item 1 to Item 12 (including Item 8a)
- RUG-ADL Score: Item 1 to Item 4

Data items for the palliative care type are reported for each phase of care in a palliative care episode.

A maximum of eleven phases of care changes within a palliative care episode may be reported nationally, with the last phase being the phase at the end of the episode.

Position	Data Element	Data Type	Format	Length	Requirement
1	Account Number	String	X[X(11)]	12	Mandatory
2	UMRN	String	X[X(9)]	10	Mandatory
3	Admission Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	8	Mandatory
3a	Admission Time	Time	HHMM	4	Mandatory
4	Separation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	8	Mandatory
4a	Separation Time	Time	HHMM	4	Mandatory
5	Establishment Code	Numeric	NNN(N)	4	Mandatory
6	Care Type	Numeric	NN	2	Mandatory
7	Assessment Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	8	Mandatory
8	Assessment Only	Numeric	N	1	Mandatory
9	Impairment Code	Numeric	NN.NNNN	7	Conditional
10	Item 1	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
11	Item 2	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
12	Item 3	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
13	Item 4	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
14	Item 5	Numeric	N	1	Conditional

Position	Data Element	Data Type	Format	Length	Requirement
15	Item 6	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
16	Item 7	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
17	Item 8	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
18	Item 8a	String	A	1	Conditional
19	Item 9	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
20	Item 10	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
21	Item 11	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
22	Item 12	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
23	Item 13	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
24	Item 14	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
25	Item 15	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
26	Item 16	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
27	Item 17	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
28	Item 18	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
29	SMMSE Completed	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
30	SMMSE Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	8	Conditional
31	SMMSE 1	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
32	SMMSE 2	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
33	SMMSE 3	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
34	SMMSE 4	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
35	SMMSE 5	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
36	SMMSE 6	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
37	SMMSE 7	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
38	SMMSE 8	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
39	SMMSE 9	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
40	SMMSE 10	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
41	SMMSE 11	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
42	SMMSE 12	Numeric	N	1	Conditional

Position	Data Element	Data Type	Format	Length	Requirement
43	Phase Start Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	8	Conditional
44	Phase End Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	8	Conditional
45	Phase Type	Numeric	N	1	Conditional
46	Type of Maintenance/Nonacute Care	Numeric	NN	2	Conditional
47	Record Creation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	8	Mandatory
48	Last Amended	Date	DDMMYYYY	8	Conditional

Appendix C – Rehabilitation data elements

Data Element	Data Type	Format	Permitted Values
Account Number	String	X[X(11)]	Alphanumeric combination up to 12 characters
Admission Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Assessment Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Assessment Only	Numeric	N	1 – Yes 2 – No 8 – Unknown 9 – Not stated/inadequately described
Care Type	Numeric	NN	22 – Rehabilitation care
Establishment Code	Numeric	N(4)	Valid establishment code. Refer to WA Health Establishment List
FIM™ Score	Numeric	N	1 – Total assistance with helper 2 – Maximal assistance with helper 3 – Moderate assistance with helper 4 – Minimal assistance with helper 5 – Supervision or setup with helper 6 – Modified independence with helper 7 – Complete independence
Impairment Code	Numeric	NN.NNNN	Refer to <i>Appendix B: AROC Impairment Codes</i> in the SANADC Data Dictionary .
Last Amended	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Record Creation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Separation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
UMRN	String	X[X(9)]	Alphanumeric combination

Appendix D – GEM data elements

Data Element	Data Type	Format	Permitted Values
Account Number	String	X[X(11)]	Alphanumeric combination up to 12 characters
Admission Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Assessment Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Assessment Only	Numeric	N	1 – Yes 2 – No 8 – Unknown 9 – Not stated/inadequately described
Care Type	Numeric	NN	29 – Geriatric Evaluation and Management
Establishment Code	Numeric	N(4)	Valid establishment code. Refer to WA Health Establishment List
FIM™ Score	Numeric	N	1 – Total assistance with helper 2 – Maximal assistance with helper 3 – Moderate assistance with helper 4 – Minimal assistance with helper 5 – Supervision or setup with helper 6 – Modified independence with helper 7 – Complete independence
Last Amended	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Record Creation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Separation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
SMMSE Completed	Numeric	N	1 – Yes 2 – No 9 – Unknown
SMMSE Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date

Data Element	Data Type	Format	Permitted Values
SMMSE Score	Numeric	N	0 – Score of 0 1 – Score of 1 2 – Score of 2 3 – Score of 3 4 – Score of 4 5 – Score of 5 7 – Not applicable – item has been omitted 8 – Unknown 9 – Not stated/inadequately described
UMRN	String	X[X(9)]	Alphanumeric combination

Appendix E – Psychogeriatric data elements

Data Element	Data Type	Format	Permitted Values
Account Number	String	X[X(11)]	Alphanumeric combination up to 12 characters
Admission Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Assessment Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Assessment Only	Numeric	N	1 – Yes 2 – No 8 – Unknown 9 – Not stated/inadequately described
Care Type	Numeric	NN	24 – Psychogeriatric care
Establishment Code	Numeric	N(4)	Valid establishment code. Refer to WA Health Establishment List
HoNOS 65+ Score	Numeric	N	0 – No problems within the period rated 1 – Minor problem requiring no action 2 – Mild problem but definitely present 3 – Moderately severe problem 4 – Severe to very severe problem 8 – Not known or not applicable
Last Amended	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Record Creation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Separation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
UMRN	String	X[X(9)]	Alphanumeric combination

Appendix F – Palliative data elements

Data Element	Data Type	Format	Permitted Values
Account Number	String	X[X(11)]	Alphanumeric combination up to 12 characters
Admission Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Assessment Only	Numeric	N	1 – Yes 2 – No 8 – Unknown 9 – Not stated/inadequately described
Care Type	Numeric	NN	23 – Palliative care
Establishment Code	Numeric	N(4)	Valid establishment code. Refer to WA Health Establishment List
Last Amended	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Record Creation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Separation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
UMRN	String	X[X(9)]	Alphanumeric combination
<i>The variables below are required to be recorded for <u>each</u> palliative phase</i>			
Assessment Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Phase End Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Phase Start Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Phase Type	Numeric	N	1 – Stable 2 – Unstable 3 – Deteriorating 4 – Terminal 9 – Not stated/inadequately described
RUG-ADL Score	Numeric	N	<i>Scoring scale for bed mobility, toileting and transfers:</i> 1 – Independent or supervision only 3 – Limited physical assistance 4 – Other than two person physical assist 5 – Two or more person physical assist <i>Scoring scale for eating:</i> 1 – Independent or supervision only 2 – Limited assistance 3 – Extensive assistance/total dependence/tube fed

Appendix G – Maintenance/Non-acute data elements

Data Element	Data Type	Format	Permitted Values
Account Number	String	X[X(11)]	Alphanumeric combination up to 12 characters
Admission Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Assessment Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Care Type	Numeric	NN	25 – Maintenance/Non-acute care
Establishment Code	Numeric	NNN(N)	Valid establishment code. Refer to WA Health Establishment List
Last Amended	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Record Creation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Separation Date	Date	DDMMYYYY	Valid date
Type of Maintenance/ Non-Acute Care	Numeric	NN	1 – Convalescent 2 – Respite 3 – Nursing home type 8 – Other 98 – Unknown 99 – Not stated/inadequately described
UMRN	String	X[X(9)]	Alphanumeric combination

Appendix H – Summary of revisions

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30 June 2026	Jodie McNamara/ Tyler Selway	Jordan Kelly, A/Deputy Director General, Purchasing and System Performance	Amendments as listed below.
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