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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DATA DICTIONARY

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
PHN	BC Personal Health Number	Replaced by a study specific identification number.
Birth Date	Birth Date of Client	
Gender	Client's Gender	
Postal Code	Postal code to identify client's place of residence.	Only the first three digits of the postal code (FSA) will be provided.
City	Client's city/town of residence	
Date Of First Contact	The date of first contact for this care episode. This is the date a client is formally admitted into the mental health program.	
MH Service Provider	Identifies the location (organization / agency / institution) that has the primary responsibility for providing service to a client.	
Employment Status	Refers to the nature of employment and involvement in labour force. Applies to persons 15 years and older.	
Current Vocational Status	Programs that a client may be involved in as an alternative to or in addition to employment.	
Marital Status	Marital status under the law or as registered by the province at time of first service.	
Residential Arrangement At Admission	Identifies the type of physical location where the client lives at time of admission.	
Referral Source	Identifies the individual or organization/agency that referred the client for care.	
Referral Date	The date a client was referred for care.	
Education Level	The highest level of education achieved by the client.	
Legal Status	Legal status refers to the involvement of the client in the legal and criminal justice system.	
Household Composition	Identifies the living situation and social support of the client.	
Care Episode Agency	Other organizations or authorities that are participating with the primary mental health service provider organization in the care required by the client.	Multiple agencies can be involved in the care episode.
MH Recipient Diagnosis (DSM-IV-TR) AXIS 1 (Principal)	Clinical disorders. Principal diagnosis– when a person receives more than one DSM code, the principal one is the condition that was chiefly responsible for occasioning the assessment/referral.	
MH Recipient Diagnosis (DSM-IV-TR) AXIS 1 (Secondary)	Clinical disorders. Secondary diagnosis.	

FIELD NAME	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
MH Recipient Diagnosis (DSM-IV-TR) AXIS 2	Personality disorders/mental retardation. Principal diagnosis.	
MH Recipient Diagnosis (DSM-IV-TR) AXIS 4	Psychosocial and environmental problems. Principal diagnosis– when a person receives more than one DSM code, the principal one is the condition that was chiefly responsible for occasioning the assessment/referral.	
MH Recipient Diagnosis (DSM-IV-TR) AXIS 5 GAF Score At Admission	The client's overall functioning when admitted. Global Assessment of Functioning.	
Care Episode Service Event	Services provided to the client by the primary care organization.	
Date Of Service Event	This is the date a service was provided to the client.	
MH Recipient Diagnosis (DSM-IV-TR) AXIS 5 GAF Score At Discharge	The client's overall functioning when discharged. Global Assessment of Functioning.	
Residential Arrangement At Discharge	Identifies the type of physical location where the client lives when discharged from the mental health service organization.	
Referral Target	Identifies the organization or agency to which the mental health provider referred the client.	
Discontinuation Reason Type	Identifies the reason for ending a care episode.	
Date Of Discontinuation	This is the date the client is formally discharged from the program.	
Aboriginal Origin	This is a self-report by the client.	The Ministry of Health would not use this for any reporting and would not release this.