

Important changes to the HoNOS family rating rules

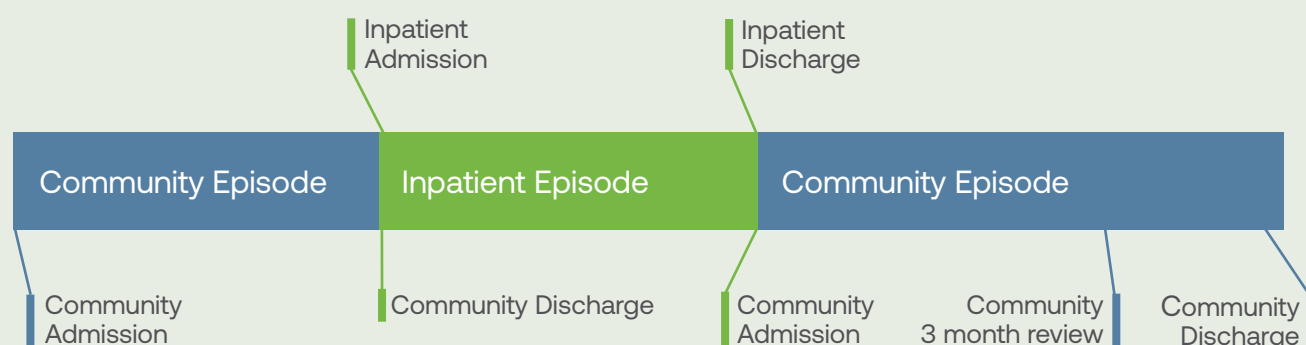
Effective from 1 July 2021

The HoNOS (Health of the nation outcomes scales) family of measures (which includes HoNOS, HoNOSCA, HoNOS 65+, HoNOS secure and HoNOS LD) are mandated for collection by the Ministry of Health.

To ensure these measures are correctly and reliably collected we have some basic collection rules.

Important collection rules connected to transfers between community and inpatient settings are now changing. This fact sheet highlights these changes and outlines what you need to do. These changes are from 1 July 2021.

Current Situation

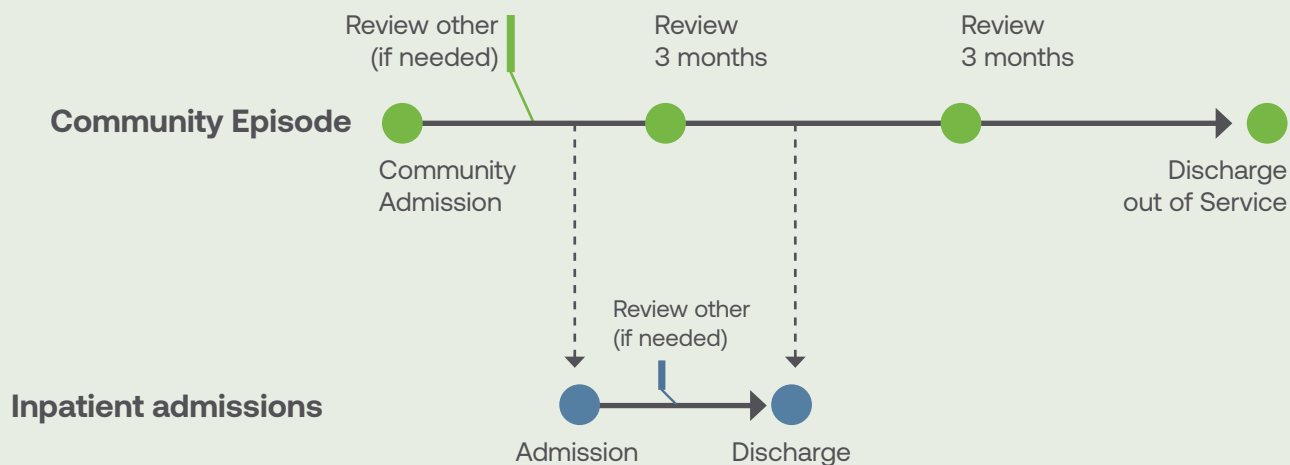


As the above diagram indicates, when service users transfer from community to inpatient settings at present, they are required to complete a community discharge HoNOS family measure and an inpatient admission HoNOS family measure. When transferring from inpatient to community they are required to complete a discharge inpatient collection and an admission community collection.

The key point about the current rating rules is that service users are transferred from one setting (such as community) to another setting (such as inpatient). This means the timing for subsequent review collections (i.e. after 91 days) will start from the admission to the new setting whether that be inpatient or community.

The new rules change these transfer collections quite dramatically to align them more closely with what happens in clinical practice.

New transfer rules



The key point about the new transfer rules is:

- › community becomes the primary setting
- › the community episode remains open if there is an inpatient admission.

If someone is admitted to an inpatient unit when they are in the community services, an admission and discharge collection for inpatient will **still** be required but the community episode is not closed. This means the review date timing will be set by the community admission **not** the inpatient admission.

If 3 monthly review collections are due while someone is in the inpatient setting (as shown above) these would be completed by the inpatient clinicians.

Review other collections can still be collected in inpatient and community settings with no change to the timing of the 3 monthly reviews.

Start dates

The new rules will come into effect on 1 July 2021.

Further Information

More detailed and technical information can be found at www.tepou.co.nz/initiatives/honos-family-of-measures/change-of-transfer-rules-in-primhd-for-the-honos-family-of-measures

