

# Episode of care—first service delivery date (community setting)

**Metadata item type:** Data Element Concept  
**METEOR identifier:** 269827  
**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

**Definition:** The date of first delivery of service to a person in a non-institutional setting.

The definition excludes:

- visits made to persons in institutional settings such as liaison visits or discharge planning visits, made in a hospital or residential aged care service, with the intent of planning for the future delivery of community-based services;
- first visits where there is no contact with the person, such as a first visit where no-one is at home.
- telephone, letter or other such contacts made with the person prior to the first home visit.

In situations where the first delivery of service determines that no future visit needs to be made, the date of first delivery of service and the date of last delivery of service will be the same.

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Object class:** [Episode of care](#)  
**Definition:** A period of health care with a defined start and end.  
**Specialisation of:** [Service episode](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** National Health Data Committee

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Property:** [First service delivery date](#)  
**Definition:** Date on which service is delivered for the first time.  
**Property group:** [Service provision event](#)

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes

**Data Elements  
implementing this Data  
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