

Community nursing service episode—first contact date, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Date of first contact
METEOR identifier:	270190
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The date of first contact with the community nursing service for an episode of care, between a staff member and a person or a person's family.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Community nursing service episode—first contact date
METEOR identifier:	269823
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The date of first contact with the community nursing service for an episode of care, between a staff member and a person or a person's family.
Object class:	Community nursing service episode
Property:	First contact date

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Date DDMMYYYY
METEOR identifier:	270566
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare , Recorded 09/08/2023 Australian Teacher Workforce Data Oversight Board , Standard 30/08/2022 Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023 Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Early Childhood , Standard 21/05/2010 Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 01/03/2005 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 31/10/2012 Indigenous , Standard 11/08/2014 National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016 Tasmanian Health , Standard 31/08/2016 WA Health , Standard 06/03/2014 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022
Definition:	The day of a particular month and year.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
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Data type: Date/Time
Format: DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length: 8

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This should occur after a previous last contact date of a previous care episode and prior to or on the same as first service delivery date.

Includes:

- visits made to a person 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 service at home;
- telephone contacts when these are in lieu of a first home or hospital visit for the purpose of preliminary assessment for care at home;
- visits made to the person's home prior to admission for the purpose of assessing the suitability of the home environment for the person's care.

This applies irrespective of whether the person is present or not.

Excludes:

- first visits where the visit objective is not met, such as first visit made where no one is home.

Collection methods: The first contact date can be the same as first service delivery date and apply whether a person is entering care for the first time or any subsequent episode. This date should be recorded when it is the same as the first delivery of service date.


Comments: This metadata item is recommended for use in community services which are funded for liaison or discharge planning positions or provide specialist consultancy or assessment services. Further developments in community care, including casemix and coordinated care will require collection of data relating to resource expenditure across the sector.

To enable analysis of time periods throughout a care episode, especially the pre-admission period and associated activities. This metadata item enables the capture of the commencement of care irrespective of the setting in which the activities took place.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Is re-engineered from  [Date of first contact, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.9 KB)
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