

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Date of first delivery of service
METEOR identifier:	270210
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The date of first delivery of service to a person in a non-institutional setting.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Episode of care—first service delivery date (community setting)</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

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

## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes


Guide for use:	This date may occur on the same day or prior to the Date of last delivery of service, but must never occur after that date within the current episode of care. The date may be the same as the Community nursing service episode—first contact date, DDMMYYYY.
Collection methods:	As long as contact is made with the person in a non-institutional setting, the Episode of care (community setting)—first service delivery date, DDMMYYYY must be recorded. Normally this will be the first home or clinic visit and is the date most often referred to in a service agency as the admission. This date applies whether a person is being admitted for the first time, or is being re-admitted for care.
Comments:	<p>This metadata item is used for the analysis of time periods within a care episode and to locate that episode in time. The date relates to the first delivery of formal services within the community setting.</p> <p>This date marks the most standard event, which occurs at the beginning of an episode of care in community setting. It should not be confused with the Date of first contact with a community nursing service; although they could be the same, the dates for both items must be recorded. Agencies providing <a href="#">hospital-in-the-home</a> services should develop their own method of distinguishing between the period the person remains a formal patient of the hospital, with funding to receive services at home, and the discharge of the person into the care of the community service.</p>

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Council of Community Nursing Services

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

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