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# Estimated date flag

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000431                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: An indication of whether any component of a reported date was estimated.  
Context: Provision of a date is often a mandatory requirement in data collections. However, at times, the actual date or part thereof is not known (e.g. date of birth or date of injury).

This data element is designed to flag the part or parts of a date that have been estimated when a date provided is based on an approximation of the date in question rather than reporting of the actual date. This data element may assist with record linkage processes (for example when the date of birth is a component of the linkage key).

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Alphabetic  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: AAA  
Minimum Size: 1  
Maximum Size: 3  
Data Domain: A                      Date estimated from reported age  
D                      Day value in date was estimated  
DM                      Day and month values in date were estimated  
DMY                      All values (day, month, year) in date were estimated  
DY                      Day and year values in date were estimated  
M                      Month value (only) in date was estimated  
MY                      Month and year values in date were estimated  
Null                      Date not estimated

Y Year value (only) in date was estimated

Guide For Use: May be used to record an estimated date for date of birth or data elements for other dates such as date of death.

Collection Methods: This data element should be reported in conjunction with a reported date when any part of the date represents an estimate rather than the actual or known date.

Related metadata: is used in conjunction with Date of birth version 4

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

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Comments: DSS - Health Care Client Identification:  
The use of a code V for a valid date could be useful in the determination of a positive identification of Health Care Client.

### *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Demographic characteristic

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

DSS - Health care client identification From 01-Jan-03 to

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