
First service contact date

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NCSDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000512 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NCSIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: The date on which a service episode commenced.
Context: This data element is used in calculation of measures of periods of support and duration of assistance.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: DDMMYYYY
Minimum Size: 8
Maximum Size: 8
Data Domain: NOVAL Valid dates
Guide For Use: Due to the considerable variation in the types of services provided in the community services sector, it is not possible at this stage to define in generic terms what will constitute commencement of a service episode. Individual collections should however define what constitutes commencement for their own purposes. For example, it may be at contact stage in some instances or in others when a case plan is formulated. This data element should always be recorded as an 8 digit valid date comprising day, month and year. Year should always be recorded in its full 4 digit format. For days and months with a numeric value of less than 10, zeros should be used to ensure that the date contains the required 8 digits. For example if a service episode commenced on July 1 2000 the First service contact date should be recorded as 01072000 as specified in the representational layout.
Collection Methods: Date assistance commenced must be related to a particular service

