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# Direct care time

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary:

Knowledgebase ID: 000615

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Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: ACCNS

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Definition: The time spent with a person or persons during a defined period.

Context: The total time spent in care which is attributable to a person is one component of service cost measurement. The item enables monitoring of the allocation of resources across time, specific persons or persons groups, geographic locations or services.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: TEXT

Representation layout: HHHHMM

Minimum Size: 1

Maximum Size: 6

Data Domain: NOVAL The total amount of direct care time, in hours (up to four characters) and minutes (up to two characters) separated by a dot point.

Guide For Use: The major criteria for direct care time are that the activity is related to a specific person's care; takes place within the specified time period and that there is a method in place for accurate recording of time.

Direct care time includes:

- The time spent in activities which can be related directly to the care of a person including those which occur on their behalf, such as case conferences or communication with other service providers in relation to the care of a person.

Direct care time excludes:

- Time spent in activities such as meetings or staff education sessions not directly able to be related to a person.

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services Inc.

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Comments: Version 1.0 of the CNMDSA included direct care time within the broad item, Resource Utilisation. Resource Utilisation has been separated for this version into a number of component parts (S-10 to S-13, and D-3).

### *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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