
Date of first contact

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD	Version number:	2
Knowledgebase ID:	000039		
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	01-MAR-05
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. The definition includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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. The definition excludes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- first visits where the visit objective is not met, such as first visit made where no one is home.		
Context:	To enable analysis of time periods throughout a care episode, especially the pre-admission period and associated activities. This data element enables the capture of the commencement of care irrespective of the setting in which the activities took place.		

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric
Representational form:	DATE
Representation layout:	DDMMYYYY
Minimum Size:	8
Maximum Size:	

Data Domain: NOVAL Valid date

Verification Rules: This should occur after a previous Date of last contact of a previous care episode and prior to or on the same as Date of first delivery of service.

Collection Methods: The Date of first contact can be the same as Date of first delivery of service 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.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Date of first contact with the community nursing service version 1
relates to the data element Date of last contact version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services

Comments: This 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.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Request for / entry into service event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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