

Medical indemnity claim—medical indemnity claim commencement date, DDMMYYYY

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Medical indemnity claim commencement date
METEOR identifier:	329623
Registration status:	Health , Standard 07/12/2011
Definition:	The date on which a medical indemnity claim commenced, as signalled by a trigger such as the issue of a letter of demand, issue of writ, or an offer made by the defendant to the claimant, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
Data Element Concept:	Medical indemnity claim—medical indemnity claim commencement date
Value Domain:	Date DDMMYYYY

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:	<p>The date recorded should be the date of the first trigger. For example, if a letter of demand is received and subsequently a writ is issued, the date recorded for this metadata item should be the date of the letter of demand.</p> <p>The date the medical indemnity claim commenced must be a date that is the same as or after the date the health-care incident occurred. It may be a date before or after the date the reserve was placed.</p> <p>A trigger for the commencement of a medical indemnity claim is any event that distinguishes the claim from potential claims, which have had a reserve set but may be based on no more information than a health-care incident report. Common triggers are allegations of harm or other loss from the patient or another party related to the patient, and offers of compensation by the defendant before an allegation of harm or other loss has been received.</p> <p>This data element should be used in conjunction with the data element: <i>Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA</i> to flag whether each component in the claim commencement date is accurate, estimated or unknown.</p>
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Comments: Date information will assist in the analysis of temporal patterns in the Medical Indemnity National Collection.

A claim commencement trigger is not sufficient for a medical indemnity claim to be recognised. The critical event is the setting of a reserve which marks the health authority's recognition of the likelihood that costs will be incurred in finalising the claim. However, if a claim commencement trigger precedes when the reserve is set, then the claim will come into existence as a commenced, not a potential claim.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/09/2005
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Early Childhood](#), Standard 21/05/2010
[Health](#), Standard 04/05/2005
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Medical indemnity DSS 2012-14](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 21/11/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2012
Implementation end date: 30/06/2014
Conditional obligation: Conditional on the existence of a trigger for commencement of the medical indemnity claim.

[Medical indemnity NBPDS 2014-](#)
[Health](#), Standard 21/11/2013
Implementation start date: 01/07/2014
Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the existence of a trigger for commencement of the medical indemnity claim.