

Service episode—episode start date

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 338562 |
| Registration status: | Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired) , Standard 16/05/2006 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010 |
| Definition: | The date on which a service episode commenced. |

Object Class attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | Service episode |
| METEOR identifier: | 320994 |
| Registration status: | Children and Families , Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired) , Standard 29/04/2006 Disability , Standard 07/10/2014 Homelessness , Standard 23/08/2010 Housing assistance , Standard 23/08/2010 Youth Justice , Standard 15/02/2022 |
| Definition: | A period of time during which a client receives assistance from an agency. |

Context:

Service provision and planning:

The concept of a service episode (and associated metadata items) is necessary for the analysis, of the length of provision of assistance to clients. In conjunction with information about the amount and type of assistance received by clients, information about the length of the service episode also gives some indication of the intensity of assistance provided by agencies.

A client's service episode always begins and ends with dates that mark the first and last time that the person received assistance from the agency. That is, a service episode will always begin and end with service event (see metadata item the service event).

The pathway or process followed by a person entering or exiting from a service episode varies from one agency to another and from one type of assistance to another. It cannot be assumed, for example, that every client has undergone an assessment (or the same type of assessment) before entering a service episode. At times, a client may receive services from an agency on the basis of a referral from an established source with which the agency has well-developed referral protocols. At other times, a client who has been previously assisted by the agency may begin to receive services again without undergoing the same level of assessment on entry into a subsequent service episode.

The definition of service episode has not assumed that any standard sequence of events applies to all service episodes for all clients across all types of agencies and across all programs. Rather, the definition of a service episode allows for the receipt of any of the types of assistance to serve as a trigger for the beginning of a service episode. That is, the service activity associated with the beginning of a service episode (i.e. the first service event) will vary across agencies.

While agency policies and practices will impact upon the determination of a Service episode to some extent (e.g. different policies for taking clients 'off the books') the basic feature across agencies remain the first and the last Service events received by a client within a period of receipt of assistance. Establishing greater consistency in the determination of Service episodes would require a national cross-program approach to standardising entry and exit procedures across the community service sector.

Specialisation of: [Service episode](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Home and Community Care (HACC) Data Dictionary Version 1.0, 1998

Property attributes

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Property: [Episode start date](#)

METEOR identifier: 269253

Registration status: [Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023
[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/05/2006
[Disability](#), Standard 07/10/2014
[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 16/03/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 01/12/2023

Definition: The date on which an episode commenced.

Property group: [Entry into service event](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Source and reference attributes

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Relational attributes

Data Elements
implementing this Data
Element Concept:

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[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 16/05/2006

[Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019

[Homelessness](#), Superseded 10/08/2018

[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

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[Children and Families](#), Standard 22/11/2016

[Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019

[Homelessness](#), Standard 10/08/2018