

Service event—date of Medicare service, DDMMYYYY

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Medicare date of service
Synonymous names:	Date of service
METEOR identifier:	603319
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Health, Standard 14/10/2015
Definition:	The date on which the Medicare service provider performed the Medicare claimable service, expressed as DDMMYYYY.

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Date
Data type:	Date/Time
Format:	DDMMYYYY
Maximum character length:	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The date of service is entered during claims processing and is mandatory for processing patient claims.
Comments:	<p>The time lag between the date of service and the date of processing makes it impossible to produce reliable statistics on services rendered in a given period until many months after the end of that period. A three to six months lag period between the service being rendered and the history being extracted is recommended to allow for potential delays before the claim is lodged and processed.</p> <p>98% of claims are processed within three months of the date of service and 99% of claims are processed within six months of the date of service. The average time between date of a medical service and processing of a Medicare claim is 15-16 days.</p>

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health
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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Medicare Benefits Schedule \(MBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14 Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

Variable name = DOS

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for cardiac stress tests and imaging per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 13/12/2018](#)

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for myocardial perfusion scans per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 13/12/2018](#)

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for neck ultrasound per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 13/12/2018](#)

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for standard echocardiography per 100,000 population aged 18 years and over, 2016-17 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 13/12/2018](#)

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for stress echocardiography per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 13/12/2018](#)

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for thyroid function tests per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 13/12/2018](#)

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for thyroid stimulating hormone tests per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 13/12/2018](#)

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for gastroscopy per 100,000 people aged 18-54 years, 2018-19 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021](#)

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat colonoscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021](#)

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat gastroscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021](#)

[Number of people who had at least one medication management review, per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2021](#)