

Service contact—source of funding

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element Concept
METEOR identifier:	744337
Registration status:	Health , Standard 17/12/2021
Definition:	The source of funds for a service contact.

Object Class attributes

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Object class:	Service contact
Definition:	A contact between a patient/client and an ambulatory care health unit (including outpatient and community health units) which results in a dated entry being made in the patient/client record.
Specialisation of:	Service/care event

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>Identifies service delivery at the patient level for mental health services (including consultation/liaison, mobile and outreach services).</p> <p>A service contact can include either face-to-face, telephone or video link service delivery modes. Service contacts would either be with a client, carer or family member or another professional or mental health worker involved in providing care and do not include contacts of an administrative nature (e.g. telephone contact to schedule an appointment) except where a matter would need to be noted on a patient's record.</p> <p>Handover activity is the transfer of professional responsibility for a client to another professional. Where handover activity has occurred, and it meets the definition of a service contact, it is in scope for collection (ACSQHC, 2019).</p> <p>Service contacts may be differentiated from administrative and other types of contacts by the need to record data in the client record. However, there may be instances where notes are made in the client record that have not been prompted by a service contact with a patient/client (e.g. noting receipt of test results that require no further action). These instances would not be regarded as a service contact.</p>
Comments:	<p>The proposed definition is not able to measure case complexity or level of resource usage with each service contact alone. This limitation also applies to the concept of occasions of service (in admitted patient care) and hospital separations. The National Health Data and Information Standards Committee also acknowledges that information about group sessions or activities that do not result in a dated entry being made in each individual participant's patient/client record is not currently covered by this metadata item.</p>

Property attributes

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Property:	Source of funding
Definition:	The source of funding.
Property group:	Funding characteristics

Source and reference attributes

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

**Related metadata
references:**

Supersedes [Service contact—source of funding Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

See also [Episode of care—source of funding Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 05/09/2016

See also [Episode of care—source of funding Health](#), Standard 06/12/2023

**Data Elements
implementing this Data
Element Concept:**

[Service contact—source of funding, patient funding source code NN Health](#), Standard 17/12/2021