



entering care for the first time or any subsequent episode.

The definition includes:

- visits made to clients in institutional settings such as liaison visits or discharge planning visits, made in a hospital or nursing home with the intent of planning for the future delivery of nursing 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; and
- visits made to the client's home prior to admission for the purpose of assessing the suitability of the home environment for the client's care. This applies irrespective of whether the client is present or not.

The definition excludes:

- first visits where the visit objective is not met, such as a first visit a nurse makes where no one is home.

Related metadata: has been superseded by Date of first contact version 2

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

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Comments: This data element has recommended status only, which means there is no other function for it (such as calculation of a time period), and no requirement to supply it for any Community Nursing Minimum Data Set - Australia collection. Service agencies who wish to monitor all resource utilisation associated with an episode of care, may wish to include this pre-admission date and the corresponding post discharge data element 'Date of last contact with client/family' within their agency information system. Further developments in the casemix area may also mean community nursing services will need more detailed description of resource allocation across all of the contexts in which they provide service.

### *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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