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# Date of first delivery of service

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000038                      Version number: 2  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: The date of first delivery of service to a person in a non-institutional setting.  
The definition excludes:  
- visits made to persons in institutional settings such as liaison visits or discharge planning visits, made in a hospital or residential aged care service, with the intent of planning for the future delivery of community-based services;  
- first visits where there is no contact with the person, such as a first visit where no-one is at home.  
- telephone, letter or other such contacts made with the person prior to the first home visit.  
In situations where the first delivery of service determines that no future visit needs to be made, the Date of first delivery of service and the Date of last delivery of service will be the same.

Context: The Date of first delivery of service is used for the analysis of time periods within a care episode and to locate that episode in time. The date relates to the first delivery of formal services within the community setting.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Numeric  
Representational form: DATE  
Representation layout: DDMMYYYY  
Minimum Size: 8  
Maximum Size: 8  
Data Domain: NOVAL              Valid dates

Verification Rules: This date may occur on the same day or prior to the Date of last

delivery of service, but must never occur after that date within the current episode of care. The date may be the same as the Date of first contact.

Collection Methods: As long as contact is made with the person in a non-institutional setting, the Date of first delivery of service must be recorded. Normally this will be the first home or clinic visit and is the date most often referred to in a service agency as the admission. This date applies whether a person is being admitted for the first time, or is being re-admitted for care.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Date of first community nursing visit version 1  
relates to the data element Date of first delivery of service version 2

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services

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Comments: This date marks the most standard event, which occurs at the beginning of an episode of care in community setting. It should not be confused with the Date of first contact with a community nursing service; although they could be the same, the dates for both items must be recorded. Agencies providing hospital-in-the-home services should develop their own method of distinguishing between the period the person remains a formal patient of the hospital, with funding to receive services at home, and the discharge of the person into the care of the community service.

### *Data Element Links*

*Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Service provision event

*Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

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