Type of first contact with the community nursing service

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:

Knowledgebase ID: 000610   Version number: 2

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Definition: The type of the first contact for an episode of care, between a staff member of a community nursing service and a person, person?s family and/or significant other.

Context: A person?s first contact with a community service may be with a range of different personnel in contexts which it is important to include in service utilisation descriptions.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: NN

Minimum Size: 2

Maximum Size: 2

Data Domain:
01	Discharge planner/Liaison in institutional setting
02	Telephone preliminary assessment
03	Specialist consultant - initial assessment
04	First delivery of service at home/centre/clinic

Guide For Use: The definition includes:
- visits made to a person in institutional settings such as liaison visits or discharge planning visit, made in a hospital or aged care facility with the intent of planning for the future delivery of 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;

- visits made to the person?s home prior to admission for the purpose of assessing the suitability of the home environment for the person?s care (this applies irrespective of whether the person is present or not).
- Visits made by a specialist or consultant (such as allied health or nurse) for the purpose of specific clinical assessment.

The definition excludes:
- first visits where the visit objective is not met, such as a first visit made where no-one is home.

Verification Rules:The Type of first contact should be recorded whenever the Date of first contact with a service is recorded.

Collection Methods: Applies to all clients entering care. Code 4 allows for a standard first visit at home when ?pre-admission? activities do not occur.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services

Comments: This item was introduced to the data set in Version 2.0 because of the need to capture information about the increasing diversity of settings and activities in and by which a client may receive care from a community nursing 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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