

# Non-admitted patient service event—first service event indicator, yes/no code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	First service event indicator
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	596610
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">HealthI</a> , Standard 07/10/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	An indicator of whether a non-admitted patient service event was the first service event for a particular patient, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Non-admitted patient service event—first service event indicator</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Boolean	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Yes
	2	No

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

Record whether the non-admitted patient service event is the first non-admitted patient service event for a specific patient at this non-admitted patient service, following a service request.

Service requests include:

- formal referral from a health-care provider, such as a general practitioner or specialist, or from a hospital, such as an emergency department, and
- self-referral or attendance at a walk-in clinic.

CODE 1 Yes

Includes all first non-admitted patient service events, including reviews when they are initiated through a new service request.

If the service request is for services from multiple non-admitted patient services, irrespective of whether the patient has attended another non-admitted patient service, if it is the patient's first service event with this non-admitted patient service, a Yes should be recorded.

CODE 2 No

Includes non-admitted patient service events that involve follow up or clinical review service events that occur without a new service request.

A No should be recorded for a service event:

- following a service request made solely to enable the continuation of non-admitted patient services because an earlier service request has expired; and
- where a first service event was recorded following the earlier service request.

**Comments:**

Treatment under a service request involves a first non-admitted patient service and any continuing management/treatment/review up to the stage where the patient is discharged from the care of the non-admitted patient service.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Measurement of Access Time to Elective Surgery (MATES) Working Group

**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [First Surgical Service Event NBEDS](#)  
[Health!](#), Recorded 05/01/2018

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2021–22](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

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[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2022–23](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 20/10/2021

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