Service event—date of Medicare service, DDMMYYYY

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Medicare date of service |
| Synonymous names: | Date of service |
| METEOR identifier: | 603319 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12) , Standard 14/10/2015 |
| Definition: | The date on which the  [**Medicare service provider**](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/608802) performed the Medicare claimable service, expressed as DDMMYYYY. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Service event—date of Medicare service](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/601627) |
| Value Domain: | [Date DDMMYYYY](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/270566) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Date | |
| Data type: | Date/Time | |
| Format: | DDMMYYYY | |
| Maximum character length: | 8 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | The date of service is entered during claims processing and is mandatory for processing patient claims. |
| Comments: | The time lag between the date of service and the date of processing makes it impossible to produce reliable statistics on services rendered in a given period until many months after the end of that period. A three to six months lag period between the service being rendered and the history being extracted is recommended to allow for potential delays before the claim is lodged and processed.  98% of claims are processed within three months of the date of service and 99% of claims are processed within six months of the date of service. The average time between date of a medical service and processing of a Medicare claim is 15-16 days. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) state/territory data extract 2013-14](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/603356)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12) , Standard 14/10/2015  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014 ***DSS specific information:***  Variable name = DOS |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator** [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for cardiac stress tests and imaging per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/709452)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for myocardial perfusion scans per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/709466)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for neck ultrasound per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/709434)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for standard echocardiography per 100,000 population aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/709478)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for stress echocardiography per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/709463)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for thyroid function tests per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/709388)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of MBS-subsidised services for thyroid stimulating hormone tests per 100,000 people aged 18 years and over, 2016-17](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/709368)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 13/12/2018  [Number of MBS-subsidised services for gastroscopy per 100,000 people aged 18-54 years, 2018-19](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/726343)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 27/04/2021  [Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat colonoscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/726354)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 27/04/2021  [Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat gastroscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/726349)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 27/04/2021  [Number of people who had at least one medication management review, per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/726134)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 27/04/2021  [Number of people who had at least one medication management review, per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/726134)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 27/04/2021 |