

# Referral—referral or contact method, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Referral/ contact method
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269952
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Superseded 02/05/2006
<b>Definition:</b>	The method by which a client makes contact with an agency or is referred to an agency, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Referral—contact method</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Contact method code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Face to face
	2	Over the telephone
	3	In writing (including electronic)
	4	Other method of referral/contact
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	This metadata item only describes the way in which contact or referral was made. It can be applied to anyone or any party making contact or referral. Source of referral to community service agency provides the information on who is actually making the contact or referral.
<b>Collection methods:</b>	This information should be collected at the time at which contact or referral is made. It can be collected for each contact or referral or specified ones (for example, initial contact, referral from particular agencies etc)

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP) National Data Collection Agency 2001. National Data Collection Data Dictionary. Version 2. Unpublished

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata  
references:**

Has been superseded by [Referral—contact method, code N  
Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 29/04/2006

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