

# Referral—referral source (community services), code N[.N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Referral source
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Referral source
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	269998
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Superseded 06/06/2005
<b>Definition:</b>	
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Referral—referral source (community services)</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Source of community service referral code N[.N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[.N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Agency
	1.1	Health agency
	1.2	Community services agency
	1.3	Educational agency
	1.4	Legal agency
	1.5	Employment/ job placement agency
	1.6	Other agency
	2	Non-agency
	2.1	Self
	2.2	Family
	2.3	Friends
	2.4	General Medical Practitioner
	2.5	Other party
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

Individual data collections use specific categories relevant to their particular information needs. These categories should be mappable to the above generic domain at the 1-digit or 2-digit level.

The separation of agency from non-agency for source of referral is a significant distinction. For instance, it is important to differentiate between a referral from a private practising general medical practitioner and a referral from a health agency, such as a health clinic in a hospital.

Examples:

- Aged care assessment team would map to category 1.1
- Residential aged care factor to category 1.1
- Community nursing service to category 1.1
- School/other education institution to category 1.3
- General Practitioner to category 2.4
- Police/legal unit to category 1.4 etc.

## Data element attributes

### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Origin:** 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 Unpublished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**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Referral—referral source, code N\[N\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 02/06/2005