Person—communication method, code N{.N}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Communication method
METEOR identifier:	493499
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2013 [Non Dictionary]
	Disability, Standard 13/08/2015
Definition:	The method of communication most effectively used by the person, as represented by a code.
Context:	Method of communication is an important indicator of potential barriers to social inclusion, particularly in conjunction with data on country of birth and interpreter services required.
Data Element Concept:	Person—communication method
Value Domain:	Communication method code N{.N}

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N{.N}	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	Spoken language	
	1.1	English
	1.2	Other spoken language
	Sign language	
	2.1	Keyword signing (e.g. Makaton)
	2.2	Auslan or similar
	2.3	Finger spelling
	Other effective non-spoken	
	3.1	Written language only—English
	3.2	Written language only—Other
	3.3	Computer assisted
	3.4	Symbols and pictures
	3.5	Braille
	3.6	Facilitated communication (with facilitator)
	3.8	Other effective non-communication
	4	Limited communication
	5	No effective communication
Supplementary values:	7	Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

Codes 1, 2 and 3

The communication must be effective in that the person must be able to communicate more than just basic needs, to unfamiliar people, using this method.

Code 7   Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)

This item is considered 'not applicable' to young children. Hence, children aged 0–4 years should always be represented by code 7.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Tasmanian Department of Health aand Human Services (n.d.). Development of a common assessment framework. Viewed 28 August 2012, http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/disability/projects/development_of_a_common_assessment_framework

Data element attributes

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Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2002. Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set collection: data guide—data items and definitions 2002–03.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: Disability services client details cluster
Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2013
Disability, Standard 13/08/2015