

Informal carer—relationship to care recipient, interpersonal code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Interpersonal relationship of carer to care recipient
Synonymous names:	Carer relationship to care recipient
METEOR identifier:	680219
Registration status:	Disability , Standard 15/12/2017
Definition:	The relationship of the informal carer to the person for whom they care, as represented by a code.
Context:	Ageing, carers and disability.
Data Element Concept:	Informal carer—relationship to care recipient
Value Domain:	Interpersonal carer relationship 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:	1	Wife/female partner
	2	Husband/male partner
	3	Mother
	4	Father
	5	Daughter
	6	Son
	7	Daughter-in-law
	8	Son-in-law
	9	Other female relative
	10	Other male relative
	11	Female friend/neighbour
	12	Male friend/neighbour
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable
	98	Unknown/unable to be determined
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

This code set should always be used to record the relationship of the carer to the person for whom they care.

CODE 1 Wife/female partner

Includes married and de facto partners who are carers.

CODE 2 Husband/male partner

Includes married and de facto partners who are carers.

CODE 3 Mother

Includes step- and foster parents.

CODE 4 Father

Includes step- and foster parents.

CODE 5 Daughter

Includes stepchildren.

CODE 6 Son

Includes stepchildren.

CODE 7 Daughter-in-law

CODE 8 Son-in-law

CODE 9 Other female relative

CODE 10 Other male relative

CODE 11 Female friend/neighbour

CODE 12 Male friend/neighbour

CODE 97 Not applicable

This code is used where the person's informal carer is a paid worker or a volunteer organised by formal services.

CODE 98 Unknown/unable to be determined

This code is used where the assessor or person collecting the information could not determine whether the person had a carer or what their relationship was.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This code should only be recorded where the carer has not been identified. This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2016. Disability Services National Minimum Data Set: data guide, July 2016. Cat. no. DAT 4. Canberra: AIHW.

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Comments: Information about this relationship assists in the establishment of a profile of informal caring relationships and the assistance provided to maintain and support those relationships. As such, it increases knowledge about the dynamics of caring and provides an insight into the gender and inter-generational patterns of informal care giving in the community.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Informal carer—relationship to care recipient, interpersonal code N\[N\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Disability Services NMDS 2017–18 Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019
Implementation start date: 01/07/2017
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018
Conditional obligation:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element should only be reported in relation to [service users](#) that have an [informal carer](#) ([Person—informal carer existence indicator, code N](#), with a value of 1).

DSS specific information:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element refers to the [service user's](#) main [informal carer](#)—the person who provides the most significant care and assistance related to the service user's capacity to remain living in their current environment. It is recognised that two or more people may equally share the caring role (for example, mother and father) however, for the purposes of this collection, characteristics are only requested for one of these carers.

If a person has more than one carer (for example, a spouse and a son), the coding response to carer relationship should relate to the carer who provides the most significant care and assistance related to the person's capacity to remain living in their current environment (i.e. the main carer). The expressed views of the service user and/or their carer or significant other should be considered to be the primary or principal carer in this regard.

Code 9 (other female relative), allows for the wide range of family members who may be involved in a caring role with the service user. This code therefore includes the female family members not listed in the codes elsewhere (for example, aunts, nieces, female cousins, grandmothers, step mother, step daughters and so on).

Similarly, code 10 (other male relative) covers the range of male family members who may act as carers. This code includes the male family members not listed in the codes elsewhere (for example, uncles, nephews, male cousins, grandfathers, male grandchildren, step father, step sons and so on).

[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19 Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019
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