

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Referral source
Synonymous names:	Referral source
METEOR identifier:	269998
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Superseded 06/06/2005
Definition:	
Data Element Concept:	Referral—referral source (community services)
Value Domain:	Source of community service referral 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	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
Supplementary values:	2.3	Friends
	2.4	General Medical Practitioner
	2.5	Other party
	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 Unpublished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Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Referral—referral source, code N\[N\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 02/06/2005