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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	270753
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Superseded 29/04/2006
Definition:	A code set representing methods of communication.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	**Meaning**
Permissible values:	0	Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
	1	Little, or no effective communication
	2	Sign language
	3	Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. e-mail)
	4	Spoken language (effective)
	8	Other method of communication
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 0 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
	This metadata item is considered 'not applicable' to children under 5 because of the difficulty in assessing communication at early developmental stages. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers only asks questions about difficulty and assistance with communication for people aged 5 years and older. Hence, children aged 0-4 years should be coded as '0'.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents:	Australian Bureau of Statistics 1999, Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary of Findings, Australia, 1998, Cat. no. 4430.0, ABS, Canberra.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by Communication method code N Community Services (retired), Superseded 27/04/2007
Data elements implementing this value domain:	Person—communication method, code N Community Services (retired), Superseded 29/04/2006