

9	Home maintenance
99	Not stated/ inadequately described (not for use in primary data collections)

Guide For Use: Record the types of assistance that are needed by the client, from either formal or informal sources, regardless of whether the assistance is available or unavailable, and also regardless of whether the client agrees to a referral being made to a relevant agency.

1. Self care refers to assistance with daily self care tasks such as eating, showering/bathing, dressing and toileting.
2. Managing incontinence
3. Mobility refers to assistance with transferring from bed to chair, moving about the house and moving about places away from home.
4. Communication refers to assistance with understanding others, making oneself understood by others (use of aids and equipment, eg. Hearing aids, speech aids, should be recorded under the data element Aids and equipment used prior to assessment).
5. Health care tasks refers to assistance with taking medication or administering injections, dressing wounds, using medical machinery, manipulating muscles or limbs, taking care of feet (when received from formal services, this type of assistance includes home nursing and allied health care, such as physiotherapy and podiatry).
6. Domestic chores refers to assistance with household chores such as washing, ironing, cleaning and formal linen services.
7. Meals includes delivered meals, help with meal preparation and managing basic nutrition.
8. Transport refers to assistance with using public transport, getting to and from places away from home and driving.
9. Home maintenance refers to assistance with the maintenance and repair of the person's home, garden or yard to keep their home in a safe and habitable condition, for example, changing light bulbs and basic gardening.
10. Social and community participation includes assistance with shopping, banking, participating in recreational, cultural or religious activities, attending day centres, managing finances and writing letters.
11. Case management refers to the need for assistance with planning and co-ordination of an appropriate range of services by clients with complex care needs eg the type of assistance provided by Community Care Package providers, COPS and Linkages agencies. Case management refers to a higher level of responsibility and involvement than case review and monitoring
12. Other ? any other area of need for assistance

13. None ? no area of activity in which the person needs assistance
99. Not stated/inadequately described ? when for whatever reason, the person's need for assistance cannot be determined.

Collection Methods: This data element should be used in conjunction with support required flag. If these both these questions responses are 'yes' then ask:

Did you require any form of assistance within the last month?

No ?

Yes ?

If yes, what area/s did you require assistance with?

Self Care (e.g. eating, showering/bathing, dressing, toileting) ?

Mobility (e.g. transferring from bed to chair, moving about the house) ?

Communication (e.g. understanding others, making oneself understood) ?

Health-Care

(e.g. taking medication or administering injections, dressing wounds) ?

Domestic Assistance

(e.g. help with household chores such as washing, ironing) ?

Meals (e.g. delivered meals, meal preparation) ?

Home Maintenance (e.g. changing light bulbs, basic gardening) ?

Transport (e.g. using public transport, driving) ?

Social and community participation (e.g. shopping, banking, participating in recreational, cultural activities, attending day centres, writing letters etc) ?

Case Management ?

Other: please state:

Related metadata: is used in conjunction with Support required flag version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: National Classifications of Community Services, Version 1.0, 1997.

HACC Data Dictionary Version 1.0, 1998.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Disability, Ageing and Carers Survey 1998.

Aged Care Assessment Team National Minimum Data Set (ACAT NMDS)

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Aged Care Assessment Program Data Working Group

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
