

Referral—referral source, code N[.N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Referral source
METEOR identifier:	297469
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 02/06/2005
Definition:	The person or agency responsible for the referral of a client to a service provider agency, as represented by a code.
Context:	Source of referral is important in assisting in the analyses of inter-service client flow and for service planning.
Data Element Concept:	Referral—referral source
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	
Permissible values:	Value	Meaning
	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
	2.3	Friends
	2.4	General Medical Practitioner
	2.5	Other party
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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Data element attributes

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Collection methods:	<p>Individual collections may like to expand categories further for example, by distinguishing between immediate family and non-immediate family.</p> <p>In addition, this item may be collected at the point of initial contact with an agency, or for other contact points as well, for the agency as a whole, or for different services provided by that agency.</p>
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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:	Supersedes Referral—referral source (community services). code N[N] Community Services (retired) , Superseded 06/06/2005
Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Home and Community Care MDS 2009 Community Services (retired) , Recorded 16/11/2009 Implementation start date: 11/05/2006