

Person—interpreter service required, yes/no code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Interpreter services required
Synonymous names:	Need for interpreter service
METEOR identifier:	304294
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2006• Disability, Superseded 29/02/2016• Health, Standard 08/02/2006• Tasmanian Health, Standard 27/04/2021
Definition:	Whether an interpreter service is required by or for the person, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—interpreter service required

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code						
Data type:	Boolean						
Format:	N						
Maximum character length:	1						
Permissible values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>No</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Yes	2	No
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1	Yes						
2	No						

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Includes verbal language, non verbal language and languages other than English. CODE 1 Yes Use this code where interpreter services are required. CODE 2 No Use this code where interpreter services are not required. Persons requiring interpreter services for any form of sign language should be coded as Interpreter required.
Collection methods:	Recommended question: Do you [does the person] require an interpreter? Yes No

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—interpreter service required \(community services\), code N](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 01/05/2006

Supersedes [Person—interpreter service required status \(health\), code N](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 08/02/2006

Has been superseded by [Person—interpreter service required, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](#)

- [Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016

See also [Person—type of interpreter service required, code N](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007
- [Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 14/12/2008

DSS specific information:

Whether an interpreter service is required as perceived by the person.

Yes includes spoken language other than English and non-spoken communication.

This item is used in conjunction with the type of interpreter services required by a person.

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS \(July 2008\)Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 11/11/2009

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Whether an interpreter service is required as perceived by the person.

Yes includes spoken language other than English and non-spoken communication.

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[Disability services client details clusterCommunity Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013

[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

DSS specific information:

Whether an interpreter service is required as perceived by the person.

Yes includes spoken language other than English and non-spoken communication.

This item is used in conjunction with the type of interpreter services required by a person.

[Disability Services NMDS 2010-11Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded
15/12/2011

Implementation start date: 01/07/2010

DSS specific information:

Whether an interpreter service is required as perceived by the person.

Yes includes spoken language other than English and non-spoken communication.

This item is used in conjunction with the type of interpreter services required by a person.

[Disability Services NMDS 2011-12Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded
13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

DSS specific information:

Whether an interpreter service is required as perceived by the person.

Yes includes spoken language other than English and non-spoken communication.

This item is used in conjunction with the type of interpreter services required by a person.

[Disability Services NMDS 2012-14Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard
13/03/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2012

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

This data item is used in conjunction with 'Type of interpreter service required'.

In the DS NMDS this data element refers to the requirement for interpreter services as perceived by the person seeking assistance.

In the DS NMDS, the need for interpreter services, along with the type of the service required is collected in one question using the following codes:

- 1 Yes—for spoken language other than English
- 2 Yes—for non-spoken communication
- 3 No
- 9 Not stated

The data item relates to interpreter services for languages other than English, as well as interpreter services required because a person uses sign language or other form of non-spoken communication.

If a person communicates with the assistance of a signer (i.e. not necessarily arranged by your agency) they should be recorded as 2 'Yes – for non-spoken communication'.

The data item 6 'Communication method', provides the opportunity to indicate the use of sign language and the level of effective communication of the service user.

[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15Community Services \(retired\)](#), Incomplete
23/04/2014

[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

Implementation start date: 01/07/2014

Implementation end date: 30/06/2015

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[Person related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 18/05/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

