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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	320907
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Superseded 27/04/2007
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:	1	Spoken language (effective)
	2	Sign language (effective)
	3	Other effective non-spoken communication (e.g. Canon Communicator, Compic)
	4	Little or no effective communication
	5	Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Code 1 and 2
	The communication must be effective in that the person must be able to communicate more than just basic needs, to unfamiliar people, using this method.
	Code 5 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
	This item is considered 'not applicable' to young children. Hence, children aged 0–4 years should always be represented by code '5'.
	If the communication method varies over time and it is difficult to say what the usual method is, please report the most effective method during the reference week.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:	Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS) collection. Data Guide: data items and definitions 2005-06.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Communication method code N Community Services (retired), Superseded 29/04/2006
	Has been superseded by Communication method code N Community Services (retired), Standard 27/04/2007 Disability, Standard 07/10/2014

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Person—communication method, code N](#)
[Community Services (retired)](#), Superseded 27/04/2007