

# Informal carer—multiple care recipient status, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Informal carer multiple care recipient
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Carer for more than one person
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	380346
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Recorded 16/11/2009
<b>Definition:</b>	Whether or not a primary carer is providing assistance on a regular and sustained basis to more than one care recipient.
<b>Context:</b>	Carers who are caring for more than one person are more likely to be experiencing stress and require more assistance in negotiating support from agencies.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Informal carer—multiple care recipient status</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Boolean	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Yes
	2	No
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described This code is not for use in primary data collections.
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### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	This element should be collected by asking the carer: 'Do you care for more than one person with a disability or chronic illness?'
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## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** Developed for the HACC Data Dictionary Version 2.0, 2005

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

See also [Informal carer—co-residency status, code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016  
[Health](#), Recorded 13/05/2008

See also [Informal carer—primary status, code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007  
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

See also [Informal carer—relationship to care recipient, code N](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 01/03/2005  
[Health](#), Recorded 13/05/2008

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Home and Community Care MDS 2009](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 16/11/2009

**Implementation start date:** 11/05/2006

**Conditional obligation:**

Recorded if the HACC client has a carer (see *Person—informal carer existence indicator, code N*).

**DSS specific information:**

Collection methods: The agency should record this data element at the beginning of each HACC service episode where a carer has been identified (i.e. code 1 recorded for Carer—existence of).

The agency should also assess the currency of this information at subsequent assessments/re-assessments and update the agency's record if necessary.

Reporting requirements:

This data element is required for reporting in the HACC MDS collection in those circumstances where a carer has been identified (i.e. Carer—existence of code 1).

If the agency's system or records do not provide sufficient information to accurately report on this data element, the agency should use code 9 Not stated/inadequately described.

This element is similar to the DE Informal carer – number of care recipients (NRCP), code N[N], collected in the NRCP MDS (#308603). Rather than a Yes/No item, that DE collects the number of recipients in the ranges 1,2,3+. It also recommends a further list of required items for collection.

Related data:

Is related to the data elements Carer residency status, Relationship of carer to care recipient, and Date of last update.

Is related to the data element concept Carer.