

# Child protection care arrangement code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	458392
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Recorded 19/08/2011
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing types of care arrangements for a child under the care of the Department responsible for child protection.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Residential care
	2	Family group home
	3	Relative(s)/kin who are reimbursed
	4	Foster care
	5	Other home-based care (reimbursed)
	6	Relative(s)/kin who are not reimbursed
	7	Independent living
	8	Parents
	9	Detention
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	88	Other living arrangement
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:****CODE 1 Residential care**

Where the placement is in a residential building whose purpose is to provide placements for children and where there are paid staff.

**CODE 2 Family group home**

Family group homes provide short term care to children in departmentally owned homes for children under care and protection orders and other children whose parents are unable to provide for their immediate welfare. Family group homes do not have salaried staff but are available rent free to approved carers, who receive board payments to reimburse them for the cost of looking after the children in their care.

**CODE 3 Relatives/kin who are reimbursed**

Includes family members (other than parents) or a person well known to the child and/or family (based on a pre-existing relationship) who is reimbursed (or who has been offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child.

**CODE 4 Foster care**

Where the caregiver is authorised and reimbursed (or was offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child and supported by an approved agency. This excludes relatives/kin who are reimbursed.

**CODE 5 Other home based care (reimbursed)**

Home-based care which does not fall into either of the categories 'Relative(s)/kin who are reimbursed' or 'Foster care'

**CODE 6 Relative/kin who are not reimbursed**

Includes family members (other than parents) or a person well known to the child and/or family (based on a pre-existing relationship) who is not reimbursed by the state/ territory for the care of the child.

**CODE 7 Independent living**

This includes private board and lead-tenant households.

**CODE 8 Parents**

Includes natural or adoptive parents of the child.

**CODE 9 Detention**

Where the child was ordered by the court to reside for a specified time in a juvenile or adult correctional facility.

**CODE 88 Other living arrangement**

Includes living arrangements that do not fit into the above categories. The other category also includes any placements made in disability services, psychiatric services, juvenile justice facilities, Supported Accommodations Assistance Program (SAAP) and over-night child care services. These living arrangements may have rostered and/or paid staff, and are generally not a home-like environment.

**CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described**

Is used when the family in which a child lives in not recorded or is unknown.

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:** Performance and Data Working Group

**Origin:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2010. Child protection and support services National Minimum Data Set, data collection manual for the 2010 pilot collection. AIHW: Canberra

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Care arrangement \(care and protection order\) code N\[N\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 30/04/2008  
[Homelessness](#), Standard 23/08/2010  
[Housing assistance](#), Standard 23/08/2010

**Data elements implementing this value domain:** [Child—care arrangements, child protection code N\[N\] Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/08/2011