Person—individualised disability funding indicator, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Individualised disability funding indicator |
| Synonymous names: | Individualised disability funding status |
| METEOR identifier: | 473762 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 10/04/2013[Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015 |
| Definition: | Whether a person is the recipient of an individualised funding package for provision of their disability service, as represented by a code. |
| Context: | Individualised funding is one of a range of ways to effect a person-centred approach.A person centred approach requires the flexible use of resources to achieve what is important to the person. It requires services to work, adjust and provide to the person what they want in life, rather than the person being expected to fit into an existing service. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—individualised disability funding indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/473759) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/unknown/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/306322) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Yes |
|   | 2 | No |
| Supplementary values: | 3 | Unknown |
|   | 9  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | Individualised funding packages are a portable package of funds allocated for or tied to a particular person that facilitates control and choice over how the person meets their disability support needs.The way individual funding is organised can vary in relation to who holds the funds, which parts are portable and what disability supports can be purchased from which parts of the market, that is, from approved service providers or the open market.There is wide variation in individualised funding models; however, common characteristics include:* allocation of an individual budget based on assessed need
* development of a personal plan specifying goals and needs
* portability and choice in how funds are spent.

Funds can be held by the person or their family, a facilitator/intermediary or service providers.Individualised funding packages are also known as:* Individual Support Packages
* Programs with individualised support
* Individualised support arrangements
* Self-directed funding
* Self-managed funding.

Individualised funding packages do not include:* block funding
* funding that is allocated to an individual for a one-off purchase .

Each jurisdiction has its own policies, programs and approaches for individualised funding—all with subtle differences in terminology and approach.In general, differences between jurisdictions refer to differences in:* who holds and manages the funding
* who directs how the funding is to be used
* which parts of the funding are portable
* which disability support types it can be spent on from which parts of the market.
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| Source and reference attributes |
| Reference documents: | Effectiveness of individual funding approaches for disability support,  2010, Occasional paper no. 29, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous AffairsStrategic Direction paper: Supporting Mechanisms for Individualised Funding in the Disability Sector, 2011, Disability Policy and Research Working Group |
| Relational attributes |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Disability services client details cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/484543)[Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 10/04/2013[Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 13/08/2015 |