

Communication method code N{.N}

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	493497
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2013• Disability, Standard 13/08/2015

Definition: A code set representing methods of communication.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N{.N}
Maximum character length:	2
Permissible values:	

Value	Meaning
Spoken language	
1.1	English
1.2	Other spoken language
Sign language	
2.1	Keyword signing (e.g. Makaton)
2.2	Auslan or similar
2.3	Finger spelling
Other effective non-spoken	
3.1	Written language only—English
3.2	Written language only—Other
3.3	Computer assisted
3.4	Symbols and pictures
3.5	Braille
3.6	Facilitated communication (with facilitator)
3.8	Other effective non-communication
4	Limited communication
5	No effective communication

Supplementary values:	7 Child aged under 5 years (not applicable)
	9 Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: 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.

Codes 1, 2 and 3

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 7 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 7.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services (n.d.). Development of a common assessment framework. Viewed 28 August 2012, http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/disability/projects/development_of_a_common_assessment_framework

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Person—communication method, code N{.N}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013
- [Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

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