

# Informal carer benefits cluster

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>  | Data Set Specification  |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>   | 509178  |
| <b>Registration status:</b> | <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 10/04/2013 [Non Dictionary]<br><a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 13/08/2015 |
| <b>DSS type:</b>            | Data Element Cluster  |
| <b>Scope:</b>               | This cluster may be applied to informal carers associated with clients of specialist disability services.                               |

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Because a carer can receive more than one type of benefit, and for more than one care recipient, all four items should be asked for each carer associated with a client.

**Collection methods:** The information for this cluster may be collected by the following type of matrix question:

Does the informal carer receive (select one response for each type of benefit):

| Type of benefit  | Yes | No | Don't know |
|--|-----|----|------------|
| Carer Allowance (caring for a person 16 years or over) |     |    |            |
| Carer Allowance (caring for a child under 16 years)    |     |    |            |
| Carer Payment (caring for a person 16 years or over)   |     |    |            |
| Carer Payment (caring for a child under 16 years)      |     |    |            |

**Comments:** There are additional cash payments available to carers (such as Carer Supplement and Child Disability Assistance Payment), eligibility for which generally is receipt of Carer Payment and/or Carer Allowance; hence, these other payment types are not included in this cluster because they don't add substantively to the information collected by the two data elements included.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Disability services carer details cluster](#)  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 10/04/2013  
[Disability](#), Standard 13/08/2015

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

| Seq No. | Metadata item  | Obligation | Max occurs |
|---------|--|------------|------------|
| -       | <a href="#">Informal carer—financial assistance type, carer benefit code N</a>         | Optional   | 1          |
| -       | <a href="#">Informal carer—receipt of carer allowance or payment indicator, code N</a> | Optional   | 1          |