

Carer household authorisation type, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	531746
Registration status:	Children and Families, Standard 22/11/2016 Community Services (retired) , Recorded 04/04/2014
Definition:	A code set representing authorised types of care.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Foster care only
	2	Relative/kinship care only
	3	Both foster and relative/kinship care
	4	Provisionally approved
	5	Respite only
	6	Long term guardianship
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Foster care only

Carers who have been screened/authorised only for the purpose of having a foster child placed with them. Foster care is where the carer is authorised and reimbursed (or was offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory and supported by an approved agency. There are varying degrees of reimbursement made to foster carers.

CODE 2 Relative/kinship care only

Carers who have been screened/authorised only for the purpose of having relative(s)/kin placed with them. Relative/kinship care is where the caregiver is a relative (other than parents), considered to be family or a close friend, or is a member of the child or young person's community (in accordance with their culture) who is reimbursed (or who has been offered but declined reimbursement) by the state/territory for the care of the child. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, a kinship carer may be another Indigenous person who is a member of their community, a compatible community or from the same language group.

CODE 3 Both foster and relative/kinship care

Carers who have been screened/authorised for the purpose of having foster children and relatives/kin placed with them.

CODE 4 Provisionally approved

Households that have received provisional authorisation (which may be in order to facilitate a placement), whilst formal approval/registration is being finalised. This code should only be used if the type of provisional authorisation is not recorded until the approval/registration process is finalised.

CODE 5 Respite only

Respite care is a form of out-of-home care that is used to provide short-term accommodation for children and young people where the intention is for the child to return to their prior place of residence. Respite placements include:

Respite from birth family, where a child is placed in out-of-home care on a temporary basis for reasons other than child protection (e.g. the child's parents are ill or unable to care for them on a temporary basis; or as a family support mechanism to prevent entry into full time care, as part of the reunification process, as a shared cared arrangement)

Respite from placement, where a child spends regular, short and agreed periods of time with another carer other than their primary carer.

CODE 6 Long term guardianship

Carers who have been screened/authorised only for the purpose of having a child placed with them under a permanent care order and/or other order where parental responsibility is transferred to a third party.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

Is used when the authorisation type is not recorded or is unknown.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

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Origin: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) 2013. Child protection national minimum data set, data collection manual 2012–13. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

**Data elements
implementing this value
domain:**

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