

# Carer household—care authorisation type, code N[N]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Carer household authorisation type
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	531748
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Recorded 28/02/2014 [Non Dictionary] <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 22/11/2016
<b>Definition:</b>	The type of care the carer household has authorisation to provide, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Carer household—care authorisation type</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Carer household authorisation type, code N[N]</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	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
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	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

**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

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

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:** Carer households who have received provisional authorisation whilst formal approval/registration is being finalised should be recorded according to the type of provisional authorisation granted (i.e. foster or relative/kinship). If the type of provisional authorisation is not recorded until the approval/registration is finalised, code 4 'Provisionally approved' should be recorded.

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## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Carer household authorisation file cluster](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016  
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 19/03/2014  
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[Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016  
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[Children and Families](#), Superseded 22/11/2016  
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[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/04/2018  
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[Children and Families](#), Superseded 20/01/2021  
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[Children and Families](#), Standard 20/01/2021