

Person—marital status, code AAA

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Patient marital status code
Synonymous names:	PER_MARITAL_STATUS_CODE
METEOR identifier:	562141
Registration status:	WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	A person's current relationship status in terms of a couple relationship or, for those not in a couple relationship, the existence of a current or previous registered marriage, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Person—marital status
METEOR identifier:	269533
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023 Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired) , Standard 20/06/2018 Community Services (retired) , Standard 01/03/2005 Disability , Standard 13/08/2015 Health , Standard 01/03/2005 Housing assistance , Standard 10/02/2006 Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Qualified 23/11/2015 Tasmanian Health , Standard 01/09/2016 WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	A person's current relationship status in terms of a couple relationship or, for those not in a couple relationship, the existence of a current or previous registered marriage.
Context:	<p>Marital status is a core metadata item in a wide range of social, labour and demographic statistics. Its main purpose is analysis of the association of marital status with the need for and use of services, and for epidemiological analysis.</p> <p>Marital status also acts as an indicator for the level of support adult recipients of the welfare system have at home. The item is also used in comparisons of administrative data and population censuses and surveys.</p>
Object class:	Person
Property:	Marital status

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Marital status code AAA
METEOR identifier:	562127
Registration status:	WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	A set of alphabetic characters that represents the marital status of a person.

Representational attributes

Representation class: Code
Data type: String
Format: AAA
Maximum character length: 3

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	DEF	De facto
	DIV	Divorced
	MAR	Married
	NMA	Never married
	SEP	Separated
	WID	Widowed
Supplementary values:	NSP	Not specified
	UNK	Unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Code DEF (De facto)

This code should generally be accepted as applicable to all de facto couples, including those of the same sex.

Code MAR (Married)

This code also includes people who have been divorced or widowed but have since re-married.

Code SEP (Separated)

This code refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto relationships.

Code WID (Widowed)

This code usually refers to registered marriages but when self-reported may also refer to de facto relationships.

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015
[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015
[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017