

Informal carer—primary carer indicator, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Primary carer indicator
Synonymous names:	Carer primary status
METEOR identifier:	621197
Registration status:	Disability , Superseded 15/12/2017
Definition:	An indicator of whether the informal carer provides assistance with one or more core activities (communication, mobility and self-care), as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Informal carer—primary carer indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Boolean	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described
	This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have an [informal carer](#).

Self-care includes activities such as bathing, dressing, eating and/or toileting.

Mobility includes moving around the home and/or moving around away from home (including the ability to use transport or drive a motor vehicle) and getting in or out of bed or a chair. If the only support provided to a service user is in the area of public transport or driving a motor vehicle and this support is not required every time the service user uses these modes of transport, then a person is not generally considered to be a primary carer. For example, if a person drives the service user to the shops every second Wednesday to go shopping, and the service user can normally move/get around on their own using public transport or a motor vehicle, then the person would not be considered a 'primary carer'.

Communication includes making oneself understood by strangers/family/friends/staff, in own native language if applicable, and understanding others.

CODE 1: Yes

Record if the informal carer provides care for self-care, communication or mobility.

CODE 2: No

Record if the informal carer does not provide care for self-care, communication or mobility.

Comments: This data element can be used to identify whether the carer is a primary carer (as per the Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers) and thereby facilitates comparisons with population estimates of the number of informal carers who are also primary carers. This is important in the estimation of need for services.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Informal carer—primary status, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 27/04/2007
[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

Has been superseded by [Informal carer—primary carer indicator, code N Disability](#), Standard 15/12/2017

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](#)
[Disability](#), Superseded 28/09/2016
Implementation start date: 01/07/2015
Implementation end date: 30/06/2016
Conditional obligation:

In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have an informal carer ('[Person—Informal carer existence indicator](#)', code N = 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2016–17](#)
[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017
Conditional obligation:

In the Disability Services National Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have an informal carer ('[Person—informal carer existence indicator, code N](#)', with a value of 1)).