Person—interpreter service required, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Interpreter service required |
| Synonymous names: | Need for interpreter service |
| METEOR identifier: | 623421 |
| Registration status: | [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 28/09/2016 |
| Definition: | Whether an interpreter service is required by or for the person, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—interpreter service required](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/304292) |
| Value Domain: | [Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/301747) |

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| 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 |

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

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| 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: | Includes verbal language, non-verbal language and languages other than English.  CODE 1  Yes  Use this code where interpreter services are required.  CODE 2  No  Use this code where interpreter services are not required.  Persons requiring interpreter services for any form of sign language or other forms of non-verbal communication should be coded as Yes, interpreter service required. |
| Collection methods: | Recommended question:  Do you [does the person] require an interpreter?  Yes  No |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Person—interpreter service required, yes/no code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/304294)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 10/04/2006  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 29/02/2016  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 08/02/2006  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 27/04/2021  Has been superseded by [Person—interpreter service required indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/639616)  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 28/09/2016  See also [Person—type of interpreter service required, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/323185)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 27/04/2007  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 29/02/2016  See also [Person—type of interpreter service required, spoken language/non-spoken communication code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/623483)  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 29/02/2016 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Disability Services NMDS 2015–16](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/617391)  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 28/09/2016  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2015 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2016 ***DSS specific information:***  In the Disability Services Minimum Data Set (DS NMDS), this data element is used in conjunction with '[Person—type of interpreter service required, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/323185)'.  In the DS NMDS, the need for interpreter services, along with the type of the service required by the [**service user**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/502689), is collected in one question using the following codes:  1   Yes—for spoken language other than English  2   Yes—for non-spoken communication  3   No  9   Not stated  If a person communicates with the assistance of a signer (i.e. not necessarily arranged by your agency) they should be recorded as 2 'Yes – for non-spoken communication’.  The data element '[Person—communication method, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/345093)', provides the opportunity to indicate the use of sign language and the level of effective communication of the service user. |