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Registration status:	Disability, Superseded 28/09/2016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
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

Data element attributes

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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
Community Services (retired), Standard 10/04/2006
Disability, Superseded 29/02/2016
Health, Standard 08/02/2006
Tasmanian Health, Standard 27/04/2021

Has been superseded by Person—interpreter service required indicator, yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N
Disability, Standard 28/09/2016

See also Person—type of interpreter service required, code N
Community Services (retired), Standard 27/04/2007
Disability, Superseded 29/02/2016

See also Person—type of interpreter service required, spoken language/non-spoken communication code N
Disability, Standard 29/02/2016

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Disability, Superseded 28/09/2016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
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'.

In the DS NMDS, the need for interpreter services, along with the type of the service required by the **service user**, 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', provides the opportunity to indicate the use of sign language and the level of effective communication of the service user.