Referral—referral source, code AAA

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Referral source code |
| Synonymous names: | REF\_SOURCE\_CODE; SERVICE\_REQUEST\_SOURCE |
| METEOR identifier: | 643288 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 01/06/2017 |
| Definition: | The person or agency responsible for the referral of a person to a health care provider or other organisation, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes |
| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Data element concept: | [Referral—referral source](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/297450) |
| METEOR identifier: | 297450 |
| Registration status: | [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Standard 02/06/2005[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 13/05/2008[Housing assistance](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/11), Standard 23/08/2010[Homelessness](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 23/08/2010[Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 16/09/2014[WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | The person or agency responsible for the referral of a client to an agency. |
| Object class: | [Referral](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269015) |
| Property: | [Referral source](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269061) |
| 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: | [Referral source code AAA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/643286) |
| METEOR identifier: | 643286 |
| Registration status: | [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 01/06/2017 |
| Definition: | A set of alphabetic characters that identifies the person or agency responsible for referring a person to a health care provider or other organisation. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | AAA |
| Maximum character length: | 3 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | AHP | Allied Health professional |
|   | ANI | Another institution |
|   | CLN | Clinician |
|   | COM | Community |
|   | CON | Same consultant |
|   | EDU | Education Department |
|   | EMD | Emergency Department |
|   | FAF | Family or friend |
|   | GEP | General Practitioner |
|   | GOV | Government agency |
|   | INW | Inpatient ward |
|   | MCE | Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) |
|   | MEP | Medical Practitioner |
|   | MHC | Mental Health clinic or team |
|   | NGO | Non-Government Organisation |
|   | NPR | Nurse Practitioner |
|   | NUR | Nurse |
|   | OMH | Other |
|   | OPH | Outpatient Department this Hospital |
|   | OPR | Other professional |
|   | OTS | Other service |
|   | POL | Police |
|   | PPS | Private Psychiatrist |
|   | PRI | Private referral |
|   | PRN | Private referral by General Practitioner |
|   | SLF | Self |
|   | SPR | Specialist rooms |
| Supplementary values: | NSP | Not specified |
|   | OTH | Other hospital |
|   | UNK  | Unknown  |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting against the data element:[Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400747) Local codes are mapped to national codes for reporting purposes.

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|  **Local codes (NAPAAWL codes)** | **National codes** |
| OPH Outpatient Department this hospitalCON Same consultant | 1.1 Other outpatient clinic (this hospital) |
| EMD Emergency Department | 1.2 Emergency Department (this hospital) |
| INW Inpatient ward | 1.3 Elsewhere in this hospital |
| OTH Other hospital | 2.0 Other hospital |
| GEP General PractitionerPRN Private referral by General Practitioner | 3.1 General practice |
| PPS Private psychiatristSPR Specialist rooms | 3.2 Specialist practice |
| AHP Allied health professionalANI Another institutionCLN ClinicianCOM CommunityEDU Education DepartmentFAF Family or friendGOV Government agencyMCE Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)MHC Mental health clinic or teamMEP Medical PractitionerNGO Non-government organisationNPR Nurse PractitionerNUR NurseOMH OtherOPR Other professionalOTS Other servicePOL PolicePRI Private referral | 3.3 Other non-hospital |
| SLF Self | 4.0 Self |
| UNK UnknownNSP Not specified | 99 Unknown |

 The synonymous name REF\_SOURCE\_CODE is used for local reporting.The nationally reported data element has the synonymous name SERVICE\_REQUEST\_SOURCE.  |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Referral—referral source, code AAA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/491450)[WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015See also [Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400747)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 01/11/2012See also [Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/679552)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 25/01/2018 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/648949)[WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 30/05/2017***DSS specific information:*** This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting in the:[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612297) It is reported nationally against the data element:[Non-admitted patient service request-service request source, code N.N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/400747) |