

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, 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.
Data Element Concept:	Referral—referral source
Value Domain:	Referral source code AAA

Value domain attributes

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

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](#)

Local codes are mapped to national codes for reporting purposes.

Local codes (NAPAAWL codes)	National codes
OPH Outpatient Department this hospital CON 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 Practitioner PRN Private referral by General Practitioner	3.1 General practice
PPS Private psychiatrist SPR Specialist rooms	3.2 Specialist practice

AHP Allied health professional	3.3 Other non-hospital
ANI Another institution	
CLN Clinician	
COM Community	
EDU Education Department	
FAF Family or friend	
GOV Government agency	
MCE Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	
MHC Mental health clinic or team	
MEP Medical Practitioner	
NGO Non-government organisation	
NPR Nurse Practitioner	
NUR Nurse	
OMH Other	
OPR Other professional	
OTS Other service	
POL Police	
PRI Private referral	
SLF Self	4.0 Self
UNK Unknown	99 Unknown
NSP Not specified	

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](#)
[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

See also [Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](#)
[Health](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012

See also [Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)

[WA Health](#), 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](#)

It is reported nationally against the data element:

[Non-admitted patient service request-service request source, code N.N](#)