

# Informal carer—primary carer indicator, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>   | Data Element  |
| <b>Short name:</b>           | Primary carer indicator   |
| <b>Synonymous names:</b>     | Carer primary status  |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>    | 681048  |
| <b>Registration status:</b>  | <a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 15/12/2017  |
| <b>Definition:</b>           | An indicator of whether an <a href="#">informal carer</a> is the primary carer, as represented by a code. |
| <b>Data Element Concept:</b> | <a href="#">Informal carer—primary carer indicator</a>  |
| <b>Value Domain:</b>         | <a href="#">Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>   |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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

### Collection and usage attributes

|                       |   |
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| <b>Guide for use:</b> | CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described<br>This code is not for use in primary data collections. |
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### Source and reference attributes

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| <b>Submitting organisation:</b> | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

## Guide for use:

CODE 1: Yes

Record if the informal carer provides assistance with one or more core activities (self-care, mobility, or communication).

CODE 2: No

Record if the informal carer does not provide assistance with core activities (self-care, mobility, or communication).

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.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

### Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Informal carer—primary carer indicator, code N](#)  
[Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](#)  
[Disability](#), Superseded 05/07/2019  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018  
**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)).

[Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](#)  
[Disability](#), Standard 05/07/2019  
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