Informal carer—primary carer indicator, code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Primary carer indicator |
| Synonymous names: | Carer primary status |
| METEOR identifier: | 681048 |
| Registration status: | [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 15/12/2017 |
| Definition: | An indicator of whether an [**informal carer**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/353420) is the primary carer, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Informal carer—primary carer indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/681050) |
| 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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| 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**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/353420).  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. |
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| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Informal carer—primary carer indicator, code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/621197)  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Superseded 15/12/2017 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Disability Services NMDS 2017–18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/664954)  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/621393), with a value of 1)).  [Disability Services NMDS 2018–19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/698074)  [Disability](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/16), Standard 05/07/2019  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019 ***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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/621393), with a value of 1)). |