

# 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:	<a href="#">Disability</a> , Standard 15/12/2017
Definition:	An indicator of whether an <a href="#">informal carer</a> is the primary carer, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Informal carer—primary carer indicator</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<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

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
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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.

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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 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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