

# Person—relationship to reference person, mental health consumer code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Relationship to reference person
METEOR identifier:	745297
Registration status:	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 10/06/2022
Definition:	The type of relationship a person has with a reference person who is a <a href="#">Mental health consumer</a> , as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Person—relationship to reference person</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Relationship to mental health consumer code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Spouse / partner (including married, de facto)
	2	Mother or father (including step and in-law)
	3	Brother or sister (including step and in-law)
	4	Son or daughter (including step and in-law)
	5	Friend
	6	Other
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Code 9 includes those answers deemed to be illegible and where the respondent has selected multiple responses for the question.
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## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Mental Health Carer Experience of Service NBEDS](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 10/06/2022

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2022

**DSS specific information:**

This relates to question 35 of the Mental Health Carer Experience Survey. The full question is:

35. What is your relationship to the family member, partner or friend for whom you are a carer? The person I care for is:

This question defines the relationship between a carer and a [mental health consumer](#). For example, a response of "My mother or father" means that the carer is caring for their mother or father. The mother or father is the mental health consumer who is the client of the service.