

# Informal carer—primary status, 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>           | Informal carer primary status  |
| <b>Synonymous names:</b>     | Carer primary status   |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>    | 323760   |
| <b>Registration status:</b>  | <a href="#">Community Services (retired)</a> , Standard 27/04/2007<br><a href="#">Disability</a> , Superseded 29/02/2016                           |
| <b>Definition:</b>           | Whether the informal carer provides assistance with one or more core activities (communication, mobility and self-care), as represented by a code. |
| <b>Data Element Concept:</b> | <a href="#">Informal carer—primary status</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>                | Number       |                                   |
| <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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## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a 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.

**Comments:** This data element can be used to identify whether the carer is a primary carer (as per the Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers) and thereby facilitates comparisons with population estimates of the number of informal carers who are also primary carers. This is important in the estimation of need for services.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** CSTDA NMDS Network.

**Origin:** Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement National Minimum Data Set (CSTDA NMDS) collection. Data Guide: data items and definitions 2006-07.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Informal carer—primary carer indicator, code N Disability](#), Superseded 15/12/2017

See also [Informal carer—multiple care recipient status, code N Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 16/11/2009

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS - 1 July 2006](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 14/12/2008

**DSS specific information:** This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a carer (Person—Informal carer existence indicator, code N = 1).

[Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement NMDS \(July 2008\)](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 11/11/2009

**DSS specific information:** This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a carer (Person—Informal carer existence indicator, code N = 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2009-10](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2009

**Conditional obligation:** This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a carer (Person—Informal carer existence indicator, code N = 1).

**DSS specific information:** This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a carer (Person—Informal carer existence indicator, code N = 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2010-11](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2010

**Conditional obligation:** This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a carer (Person—Informal carer existence indicator, code N = 1).

**DSS specific information:** This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a carer (Person—Informal carer existence indicator, code N = 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2011-12](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 13/03/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2011

**Conditional obligation:** This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a carer (Person—Informal carer existence indicator, code N = 1).

**DSS specific information:** This data element should only be reported in relation to service users that have a carer (Person—Informal carer existence indicator, code N = 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2012-14](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 13/03/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2012

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**Conditional obligation:** This data element should only be reported in relation to [service users](#) that have a carer ([Person—Informal carer existence indicator](#), code N = 1).

[Disability Services NMDS 2014-15](#)

[Disability](#), Superseded 29/02/2016

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015

**Conditional obligation:** This data element should only be reported in relation to [service users](#) that have a carer ([Person—Informal carer existence indicator](#), code N = 1).

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Disaggregation**

[National Disability Agreement: h-Proportion of carers of people with disability accessing support services to assist in their caring role \(h-interim\), 2010](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 15/12/2011

[National Disability Agreement: h-Proportion of carers of people with disability accessing support services to assist in their caring role \(h-interim\), 2011](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 05/03/2012

[National Disability Agreement: h-Proportion of carers of people with disability accessing support services to assist in their caring role \(h-interim\), 2012](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 23/05/2013

