Referral—referral source, code AAA

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Referral source code
Synonymous names:	REF_SOURCE_CODE; SERVICE_REQUEST_SOURCE
METEOR identifier:	643288
Registration status:	WA Health, Standard 01/06/2017
Definition:	The person or agency responsible for the referral of a person to a health care provider or other organisation, as represented by a code.

Data element concept attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Data element concept:	Referral—referral source
METEOR identifier:	297450
Registration status:	Community Services (retired), Standard 02/06/2005 Health!, Recorded 13/05/2008 Housing assistance, Standard 23/08/2010 Homelessness, Standard 23/08/2010 Indigenous, Standard 16/09/2014 WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015
Definition:	The person or agency responsible for the referral of a client to an agency.
Object class:	Referral
Property:	Referral source

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Value domain attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Value domain:	Referral source code AAA
METEOR identifier:	643286
Registration status:	WA Health, Standard 01/06/2017
Definition:	A set of alphabetic characters that identifies the person or agency responsible for referring a person to a health care provider or other organisation.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	AAA
Maximum character length:	3

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	AHP	Allied Health professional

ANI	Another institution
CLN	Clinician
COM	Community
CON	Same consultant
EDU	Education Department
EMD	Emergency Department
FAF	Family or friend
GEP	General Practitioner
GOV	Government agency
INW	Inpatient ward
MCE	Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
MEP	Medical Practitioner
MHC	Mental Health clinic or team
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NPR	Nurse Practitioner
NUR	Nurse
OMH	Other
OPH	Outpatient Department this Hospital
OPR	Other professional
OTS	Other service
POL	Police
PPS	Private Psychiatrist
PRI	Private referral
PRN	Private referral by General Practitioner
SLF	Self
SPR	Specialist rooms

Supplementary values:	NSP	Not specified
	OTH	Other hospital
	UNK	Unknown

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting against the data element:

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Local codes are mapped to national codes for reporting purposes.

Local codes (NAPAAWL codes)	National codes

OPH Outpatient Department this hospital CON Same consultant	1.1 Other outpatient clinic (this hospital)
EMD Emergency Department	1.2 Emergency Department (this hospital)
INW Inpatient ward	1.3 Elsewhere in this hospital
OTH Other hospital	2.0 Other hospital
GEP General Practitioner PRN Private referral by General Practitioner	3.1 General practice
PPS Private psychiatrist SPR Specialist rooms	3.2 Specialist practice
AHP Allied health professional ANI Another institution CLN Clinician COM Community EDU Education Department FAF Family or friend GOV Government agency MCE Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) MHC Mental health clinic or team MEP Medical Practitioner NGO Non-government organisation NPR Nurse Practitioner NUR Nurse OMH Other OPR Other professional OTS Other service POL Police PRI Private referral	3.3 Other non-hospital
SLF Self	4.0 Self
UNK Unknown NSP Not specified	99 Unknown

The synonymous name REF_SOURCE_CODE is used for local reporting.

The nationally reported data element has the synonymous name SERVICE_REQUEST_SOURCE.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes [Referral—referral source, code AAA](#)
	[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015
	See also [Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](#)
	[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018
	[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/11/2012
	See also [Non-admitted patient service request—service request source, code N.N](#)
	[Health!](#), Standard 25/01/2018

| **Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** | [WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection (NAPAAWL DC) 2016-17](#) |
| | [WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017 |

DSS specific information:

This data item is a mandatory item for national reporting in the:

[Non-admitted patient NBEDS 2016-17](#)

It is reported nationally against the data element:

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