

3 Summary of suggested long-term modifications to residential aged care data items

Table 4 provides a summary mapping of each client characteristic data item across national standards, residential aged care, the Admitted Patient NMDS, the Community Mental Health NMDS, the CACP Data Dictionary Version 1.0 and the HACC MDS (incorporating Guidelines Version 1.5).

- Column 1 in the table below lists the name of the national standard related to each client characteristic data item collected in residential aged care.
- Column 2 lists the forms in residential aged care where the data is collected.
 - Forms with data items that are consistent with national standards are in **bold**.
 - Forms with data items that are mostly consistent but require minor changes are in *bold italics*.
 - Forms with data items that are inconsistent with national standard are in regular (unbolded) text.
- Columns 3, 4, 5 and 6 list whether the data item is collected in the Admitted Patient NMDS, the Community Mental Health NMDS, the CACP data collection and the HACC MDS. All data items in these national collections are consistent with national standards. (The CACP Payment Claim form has not been included in the summary mapping as it includes a very small number of data items, which have not been used for national reporting to date. The implementation of the CACP survey in 2002 will provide a more comprehensive picture of CACP clients and agencies).

Each residential aged care form listed in column two that is in *bold italics* or unbolded text may require changes to that specific data item to enhance consistency with national standards and improve the collection and reporting of data.

A detailed summary of suggested long-term suggested modifications to data items is included at Table 5. A full mapping of all client characteristic data items across all the programs is included at Appendix A: Full mapping of all client characteristics data items across national standards, residential aged care and related national program data collections.

Table 4: Summary mapping of national standards, residential aged care data items and other related collections data items

National standards data item(s)	Source of related data item in residential aged care data	Admitted patient NMDS	Community Mental Health NMDS	CACP Data Dictionary Version 1.0	HACC MDS (Guidelines Version 1.5)
Date of birth	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> ACAP MDS V2.0 <i>Respite care</i> <i>Resident entry record</i> <i>Helping you with aged care fee</i> <i>Appointment of a Nominee</i> <i>Application financial hardship</i> <i>Application for classification</i> <i>Payment claim form</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sex	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> ACAP MDS V2.0 Resident entry record Application for classification Payment claim form	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
First given name	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> ACAP MDS V2.0 Respite Care 21 day entry <i>Resident entry record</i> <i>Helping you with aged care fee</i> <i>Appt of a nominee</i> <i>Application financial hardship</i> <i>Application for classification</i> <i>Payment claim form</i>	—	—	Yes	Yes
Family name/surname	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> ACAP MDS V2.0 Respite Care 21 day extension <i>Resident entry record</i> <i>Helping you with aged care fee</i> <i>Appointment of a nominee</i> <i>Application financial hardship</i> <i>Application for classification</i> <i>Payment claim form</i>	—	—	Yes	Yes
Marital status	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> Helping you with aged care fee Application financial hardship	—	Yes	—	—
Indigenous status	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> ACAP MDS V2.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Country of birth	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> ACAP MDS V2.0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Language	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> (Preferred language) ACAP MDS V2.0 (Main language other than English spoken at home)	—	—	Yes	Yes
Carer availability	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> ¹ ACAP MDS V2.0	—	—	Yes	Yes
Carer residency status	<i>Application and Approval (2624)</i> ¹ ACAP MDS V2.0	—	—	Yes	Yes

¹ 2624 carer information is not loaded onto SPARC or ACCMIS and is not available for analysis.

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National standards data item(s)	Source of related data item in residential aged care data	Admitted patient NMDS	Community Mental Health NMDS	CACP Data Dictionary Version 1.0	HACC MDS (Guidelines Version 1.5)
Living arrangements	Application and Approval (2624) ACAP MDS V2.0	—	—	Yes	Yes
Residential setting/Tenure	Application and Approval (2624) ACAP MDS V2.0	—	—	Yes	Yes
Geographic location	Application and Approval (2624) ACAP MDS V2.0 (usual address) <i>Respite Care 21 day extension</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sources of cash income	Application and Approval (2624) Resident entry record Helping you with aged care fee (Centrelink data) Application – financial hardship Payment claim form	—	—	—	Yes
Funding source for hospital patient	Resident entry record Application for classification Payment claim form	Yes	—	—	—

Table 5: Summary of suggested long-term changes to residential aged care data items

Data collection	Data item	Suggested changes
Respite Care—21 day extension form	Date of birth	Should specify the full 8-digit format. Requires guideline for how to estimate a person's date of birth when the full date is not known: 'If not known, estimate year; enter 01/07 for the day and month.'
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	Date of birth	Should specify the full 8-digit format. Requires guideline for how to estimate a person's date of birth when the full date is not known: 'If not known, estimate year; enter 01/07 for the day and month.'
Appointment of a nominee form	Date of birth	Should specify the full 8-digit format. Requires guideline for how to estimate a person's date of birth when the full date is not known: 'If not known, estimate year; enter 01/07 for the day and month.'
Application—financial hardship	Date of birth	Should specify the full 8-digit format. Requires guideline for how to estimate a person's date of birth when the full date is not known: 'If not known, estimate year; enter 01/07 for the day and month.'
Application for classification	Date of birth	Should specify the full 8-digit format. Requires guideline for how to estimate a person's date of birth when the full date is not known: 'If not known, estimate year; enter 01/07 for the day and month.'
Residential aged care payment claim form	Date of birth	Should specify the full 8-digit format. Requires guideline for how to estimate a person's date of birth when the full date is not known: 'If not known, estimate year; enter 01/07 for the day and month.'
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	Could include guideline for coding where uncertainty exists: where uncertainty exists about the sex of the person (e.g. for transvestites or transsexuals) the sex to be recorded should be based on the sex nominated by the persons themselves or the observations or judgement of the interviewer.
Application for classification	Sex	Could include guideline for coding where uncertainty exists: Where uncertainty exists about the sex of the person, the sex to be recorded is to be based on the observations/judgement of the interviewer.
Residential aged care payment claim form	Sex	Could include guideline for coding where uncertainty exists: Where uncertainty exists about the sex of the person, the sex to be recorded is to be based on the observations/judgement of the interviewer.
Respite Care—21 day extension form	Client's name	Requires separate fields for First given name and Family name/surname. Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full (fomal) first given name. Include information about which name to use when the person has a variety of names for First given name: 'At times, a person may be known by many names. This is sometimes the case with Aboriginal clients. Where uncertainty exists about which name to record, the name recorded on the person's Centrelink card should be used.'
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	Given names	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full (fomal) given name'.
Appointment of a nominee form	Given names	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full (fomal) given name'.
Application—financial hardship	Given names	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full (fomal) given name.

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Data collection	Data item	Suggested changes
Application for classification	Given names	<p>Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full (formal) given name'.</p> <p>Include information about which name to use when the person has a variety of names for First given name: 'At times, a person may be known by many names. This is sometimes the case with Aboriginal clients. Where uncertainty exists about which name to record, the name recorded on the person's Centrelink card should be used.'</p>
Residential aged care payment claim form	Care recipient First name	<p>Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full (formal) given name'.</p> <p>Include information about which name to use when the person has a variety of names for First given name: 'At times, a person may be known by many names. This is sometimes the case with Aboriginal clients. Where uncertainty exists about which name to record, the name recorded on the person's Centrelink card should be used.'</p>
Respite Care—21 day extension form	Client's name	<p>Requires separate fields for First given name and Family name/surname.</p> <p>Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full family name'.</p>
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	Surname or family name	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full family name'.
Appointment of a nominee form	Surname or family name	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full family name'.
Application—financial hardship	Resident's family name	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full family name'.
Application for classification	Surname	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full family name'.
Residential aged care payment claim form	Care Recipient Surname	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full family name'.
Application—financial hardship	Marital status	<p>Consistency with national standard could be improved by adding the word 'current' to marital status.</p> <p>All of the codes except 'single' map to the national standard. Single can overlap with widowed, divorced or separated. Recommend replacing the code 'single' with 'never married', which does not overlap with any other response values.</p>
Respite Care—21 day extension form	Client's home address/ Postcode and State	<p>Should specify Suburb/town field—otherwise complete address information may not always be reported.</p> <p>'Home address' implies usual address, and is therefore consistent with the national standard.</p>
Respite Care—21 day extension form	Client's name	<p>Requires separate fields for First given name and Family name/surname.</p> <p>Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full (formal) first given name.'</p> <p>Include information about which name to use when the person has a variety of names for First given name: 'At times, a person may be known by many names. This is sometimes the case with Aboriginal clients. Where uncertainty exists about which name to record, the name recorded on the person's Centrelink card should be used.'</p>
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	Given names	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full (formal) given name'.
Appointment of a nominee form	Given names	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full (formal) given name'.

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Residential aged care payment claim form	Care recipient First name	<p>Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full (formal) given name'.</p> <p>Include information about which name to use when the person has a variety of names for First given name: 'At times, a person may be known by many names. This is sometimes the case with Aboriginal clients. Where uncertainty exists about which name to record, the name recorded on the person's Centrelink card should be used.'</p>

Note: A full mapping of all the residential aged care data items to national standards and other program data collections is included at Appendix A.