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Appendix A: Full mapping and suggested long-term modifications

Each table in this section contains information relating to one specific client characteristic (e.g. *Date of birth*), and each row in a table relates to a specific data collection. For each table:

- national standards are listed in the first row(s), in **bold** text (sometimes more than one national standard may exist);
- some rows relating to data collections contain dashes (–) to indicate that the data item is not collected;
- column 1 in each table specifies the name of the data collection and the data item name (when applicable);
- column 2 specifies the exact wording of the data item definition;
- column 3 shows the wording and representational layout of the Data domain (or code list);
- column 4 includes comments and recommendations relating to consistency with the relevant national standard;
- column 5 specifies an overall assessment of consistency with national standards; and
- column 6 specifies whether or not changes to the data item are suggested.
- In relation to the 2624 Application and Approval form, column 6 'Changes suggested?' is recorded as 'N/A' (not applicable), due to the fact that the 2624 data items will be replaced by ACAP MDS Version 2.0 in January 2003.

Long-term suggestions are made in relation to residential aged care forms only. For forms that are usually completed by clients of residential aged care service (such as 'Helping you with your residential aged care fee' form) different suggestions have been made due to the fact that these questions are self-reported.

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Date of birth

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Health Data Dictionary National Community Services Data Dictionary <i>Date of birth</i>	The date of birth of the person	Valid date (DDMMYYYY)	NHDD recommends use of <i>Estimated date flag</i> in cases where some or all components of the date of birth are not known. However, this is a recommendation only and any deviation from this standard is not deemed 'inconsistent'. NCSDD includes extra guidelines for estimating a date of birth when it is not known (estimate person's age, then derive date of birth and use 0101 as DDMM if only the year is known)	N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set <i>Date of birth</i>	The date of birth of the person	Valid date (DDMMYYYY)	Recommends collecting Age in years if <i>Date of birth</i> is not available (Age in days is collected for patients that are less than one year old)	Consistent	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set <i>Date of birth</i>	The date of birth of the person	Valid date (DDMMYYYY)	Recommends collecting Age in years if <i>Date of birth</i> is not available (Age in days is collected for patients that are less than one year old)	Consistent	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	Your date of birth (record full year e.g. 1937)	Day Month Year [] [] []	Should specify the full 8-digit format. Does not include guideline for how to estimate a person's date of birth when the full date is not known.	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency.	N/A
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>Date of birth</i>	The date of birth of the person	Valid date (DDMMYYYY)	Recommends using a different method for estimating date of birth when it is not known (use 0107 instead of 0101 for DDMM). This is in line with Centrelink's method.	Consistent	NO
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.'	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency.	YES
Resident entry record	Date of birth	__/__/__	See short-term recommendation in Section 2.	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency.	YES

Date of birth (continued)

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
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.'	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency.	YES
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.'	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency.	YES
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.'	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency.	YES
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.'	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency.	YES
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.'	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency.	YES
Community Aged Care Packages 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 (although this information will probably come from the 2624 in most cases)	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency.	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Date of birth</i>	The date of birth of the person.	Valid date (DDMMYYYY)	Recommends method of estimating date consistent with NCSDD and HACC (estimate person's age, derive the year and then use 0101 for DDMM)	Consistent	—

Date of birth (continued)

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Date of birth</i>	The date of birth of the person.	Valid date (DDMMYYYY)	Recommends method of estimating date consistent with NCSDD and CACP (estimate person's age, derive the year and then use 0101 for DDMM)	Consistent	—

Sex

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Health Data Dictionary National Community Services Data Dictionary Sex	The sex of the person	1 Male 2 Female 3 Indeterminate 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	Indeterminate code used for perinatal statistics: not applicable to aged and community care. NCSDD includes guideline stating that 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.	N/a	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set Sex	The sex of the person	1 Male 2 Female 3 Indeterminate 9 Not stated/ inadequately described		Consistent	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set Sex	The sex of the person	1 Male 2 Female 3 Indeterminate 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	Guideline states that code 3 should not be used as it is not relevant to community mental health care clients.	Consistent	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	Sex	Male [] Female []	Codes 1 and 2 (instead of M and F) could be used for greater consistency with national standards. Could include guideline for coding where uncertainty exists.	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency	N/A
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 Sex	The biological sex of the person	1 Male 2 Female 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	Includes guideline about what to record when there is uncertainty about the sex of the person. Includes guideline recommending that code 9 should only be used where information has not been provided or ACAT is unable to make informed judgement. Code 9 should not be included on primary data collection tools (e.g. forms).	Consistent	NO

Sex (continued)

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	Male [] Female []	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.	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency	YES
Resident entry record	Sex:	M/F []	See short-term recommendation in Section 2.	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency	YES
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	—	Male [] Female []		Consistent	NO
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—
Application—financial hardship	—	—	—	—	—
Application for classification	Sex:	Male [] Female []	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.	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency	YES
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	Consistent, but extra guidelines would enhance consistency	YES
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	Sex	—	—	—	NO

Sex (continued)

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 Sex	The sex of the person	1 Male 2 Female 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	Includes guideline about what to record when there is uncertainty about the sex of the person. Includes guideline recommending that code 9 should only be used where information has not been provided or provider is unable to make informed judgement. Code 9 should not be included on primary data collection tools (e.g. forms).	Consistent	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5)	The biological sex of the person	1 Male 2 Female 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	Includes guideline about what to record when there is uncertainty about the sex of the person. Includes guideline recommending that code 9 should only be used where information has not been provided or provider is unable to make informed judgement. Code 9 should not be included on primary data collection tools (e.g. forms).	Consistent	—

First given name

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Community Services Data Dictionary <i>Given name</i> (Names are not reported in any of the National Health Data Dictionary data collections).	The name given to a person which is that person's identifying name within the family group, or the name by which the person is socially identified.	(name)	Guidelines are included which relate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording the full given name (taking care to minimise discrepancies) Instances where there is uncertainty about which name to record for Indigenous people living in remote communities 	NA/	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	Your given name/s (please print)	First name [] Second name []	No guidelines as to correct recording of name (i.e. need to record full name with correct spelling, what to do if person is Indigenous and has more than one name)	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	N/A
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>First given name</i>	The name given to a person (also known as Christian name) which is that person's identifying name within the family group, or the name by which the person is uniquely socially identified.	(name)	Includes all necessary guidelines.	Consistent	NO

First given name (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
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 (formal) 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.'	Not consistent	YES
Resident entry record	Given names	[]	See Section 2 for short-term recommendations regarding this data item.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	Given names	[]	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full (formal) given name'.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Appointment of a nominee form	Given names	[]	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full (formal) given name'.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Application—financial hardship	Given names	[]	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full (formal) given name'.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Application for classification	Given names	[]	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full (formal) 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.'	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES

First given name (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
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>	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	Surname first and other names	[]	No separate field for <i>First given name</i> . The small space supplied for all the client's names may make it difficult to fit all the information in.	<p>Not consistent (should specify separate fields).</p> <p>Could include extra guidelines to promote consistency and a separate field for First given name.</p>	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Given name</i>	The name given to a person which is that person's identifying name within the family group, or the name by which the person is uniquely socially identified.	(name)	Includes all necessary guidelines.	Consistent	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>First given name</i>	The person's first name that precedes the family name/surname.	(name)	Includes all necessary guidelines.	Consistent	—

Family name/surname

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Community Services Data Dictionary <i>Given name</i> Names are not reported in any of the National Health Data Dictionary data collections.	The name a person has in common with other members of her/his family, as distinguished from her/his first given name.	(name)	Guidelines are included which relate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording the full family name (taking care to minimise discrepancies) Instances where there is uncertainty about which name to record for indigenous people living in remote communities Some cultures state the traditional family name first—avoiding discrepancies in this area. 	N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	Your surname (family name please print)	[]	Could include extra guidelines to promote accurate recording.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	N/A
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>Family name/surname</i>	The name a person has in common with other members of her/his family, as distinguished from her/his first name	(name)	Has all necessary guidelines.	Consistent.	—
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 family name'.	Not consistent	YES
Resident entry record	Surname or family name	[]	See Section 2 for short-term recommendations regarding this data item.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES

Family name/surname (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	Surname or family name	[]	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full family name'.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Appointment of a nominee form	Surname or family name	[]	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full family name'.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Application—financial hardship	Resident's family name	[]	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record your full family name'.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Application for classification	Surname	[]	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full family name'.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Residential aged care payment claim form	Care Recipient Surname	[]	Include guidelines as follows: 'Please record the person's full family name'.	Consistent, but could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	YES
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	Surname first and other names	[]	No separate field for Surname. The small space allowed for all the client's names may make it difficult to fit all the information in.	Not consistent (should include separate field for Surname). Could include extra guidelines to promote consistency.	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Family name/surname</i>	The name a person has in common with other members of her/his family, as distinguished from her/his first name.	(name)	Has all necessary guidelines.	Consistent	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Family name/surname</i>	The name a person has in common with other members of her/his family, as distinguished from her/his first name.	(name)	Has all necessary guidelines.	Consistent	—

Accommodation setting/tenure

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Community Services Data Dictionary <i>Residential setting</i>	The setting in which the person resides	1 Private setting 2 Community based setting 3 Institutional setting 4 None/homeless/public place 9 Not stated/inadequately described	This data element can also include information about Tenure. Codes for tenure are listed below.	N/A	—
National Community Services Data Dictionary <i>Tenure type</i>	The nature of a person or social group's legal right to occupy a dwelling.	1 owner 11 fully owned 12 being purchased/with mortgage 2 Renter 21 Public housing 22 Community housing 23 Private housing 3 Rent free 4 Life tenure scheme 5 Shared equity or rent/buy scheme 6 None/homeless 7 Other 9 Not stated/inadequately described	This information can be incorporated into the data element <i>Residential setting</i> , when information on tenure is required.	N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—

Accommodation setting/tenure (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	For the past two years, where have you normally lived?	C house/flat owner/purchaser D house/flat public tenant E house/flat private rental tenant U independent (self contained) unit as part of a retirement village or similar complex B board or lodgings A residential aged care facility P psychiatric facility R remote Aboriginal community O other accommodation	<p>Codes are not mappable to NCSDD codes.</p> <p>Codes C, D and E do not include house/flat—rent free (although if this level of detail is not deemed necessary for collection purposes these people could be mapped to code O other accommodation).</p> <p>Code U Independent living within a retirement village does not constitute an NCSDD 'private setting' if there are support services provided as part of the package of accommodation. In these situations the person should be coded as living in a community based setting (i.e. supported accommodation).</p> <p>Code B Board or lodgings—not clear as to whether this is within a private setting or community-based setting (e.g. could be a private house arrangement or a boarding house).</p>	Not consistent	N/A

Accommodation setting/tenure (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>Accommodation setting —usual</i>	The setting in which the person usually lives.	1 Private residence—owned/purchasing 2 Private residence—private rental 3 Private residence—public rental or community housing 4 Independent living within a retirement village 5 Boarding house/rooming house/private hotel 6 Short-term crisis, emergency or transitional accommodation 7 Supported community accommodation 8 Residential aged care service—low level care 9 Residential aged care service—high level care 10 Hospital 11 Other institutional care 12 Public place/temporary shelter 13 Other 99 Not stated/inadequately described (not for use in primary data collections)	See Section 2 for short-term recommendations regarding this data item.	Consistent	YES
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—
Resident entry record	—	—	—	—	—
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	—	—	—	—	—

Accommodation setting/tenure (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—
Application – financial hardship	—	—	—	—	—
Application for classification	—	—	—	—	—
Residential aged care payment claim form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Accommodation setting</i>	The setting in which the person lives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Private residence—owned /purchasing 2 Private residence—private rental 3 Private residence—public rental or community housing 4 Independent living within a retirement village 5 Boarding house/rooming house/private hotel 6 Short-term crisis, emergency or transitional accommodation 7 Supported community accommodation 8 Public place/temporary shelter 9 Other 99 Not stated/inadequately described (not for use in primary data collections) 	See Section 2 for short-term recommendations regarding this data item.	Consistent	YES

Accommodation setting/tenure (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Accommodation setting</i>	The setting in which the person lives	1 Private residence—owned /purchasing 2 Private residence—private rental 3 Private residence—public rental 4 Private residence—mobile home 5 Independent living within a retirement village 6 Boarding house/private hotel 7 Short-term crisis, emergency or transitional accommodation facility (e.g. night shelters, refuges, hostels for the homeless, halfway houses) 8 Domestic-scale supported living facility (e.g. group home for people with a disability) 9 Supported accommodation facility (e.g. hostels for people with disabilities, supported residential services or facilities (VIC or SA)) 10 Residential aged care facility (nursing home or aged care hostel) 11 Psychiatric/mental health community care facility 12 Public place/temporary shelter 13 Private residence rented from Aboriginal community 14 Temporary shelter rented from Aboriginal community 19 Other 99 Not stated/inadequately described	See Section 2 for short-term recommendations regarding this data item.	Consistent	YES

Income characteristics

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Community Services Data Dictionary <i>Principal source of cash income</i>	The source by which a person derives most or (equal to or greater than 50%) of their income. If the person has multiple sources of income and none equal to or greater than 50%, the one, which contributes the largest percentage, should be counted.	1 Primary cash income 2 Property cash income 3 Cash transfers 31 Australian government cash transfers 4 Other income 5 Nil income 9 Not stated/not known/inadequately described	The ABS has a publication that is forthcoming: Australian Standard Classification of Sources of Case Income.	N/A	—
National Community Services Data Dictionary <i>Sources of cash income</i>	Sources of all cash income which an individual (or income group or household) might receive e.g. from employment, property or cash transfers	1 Primary cash income 1.1 Employee cash income 1.2 Entrepreneurial cash income 2 Property cash income 2.1 Interest 2.2 Rent 2.3 Dividends 2.4 Other property cash income 3 Transfer cash income 3.1 Australian government cash transfers 3.2 Superannuation/ annuities 3.3 Current cash transfers from private organisations 3.4 Current cash transfers from other households 3.5 Transfers from overseas governments 3.6 Other transfer cash income 99 Not stated/ inadequately described	This data domain is a more detailed version of the data domain for <i>Principal source of income</i> .	N/A	—

Income characteristics (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	What is your source of income?	Govt pension or benefit Veterans' Affairs [] Centrelink (DSS) [] Self-funded retiree []	This data item is mappable but not as detailed as the NCSDD <i>Principal source of income</i> . The highest level codes are Primary cash income (e.g. wages), Property cash income (e.g. cash income deriving from ownership of assets) and Cash transfers (e.g. pensions and superannuation). All 2624 codes map to Code 3 Cash transfers. Veterans affairs and Centrelink codes map to the next level down—code 31 Australian Government cash transfers. Self funded retiree maps to code 32 Superannuation/ annuities The definition has no reference to the person's 'principal' source of income, which is defined as being the component that makes up the largest percentage of the person's total income. Note that the ABS have a publication that is forthcoming on Australian Standard Classification of Sources of Case Income.	Definition not entirely consistent. Codes are mappable to national standard but not as detailed.	N/A
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0	—	—	—	—	—
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—

Income characteristics (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Resident entry record	Pensioner status (please tick one box only)	Full pensioner [] Part pensioner [] Non-pensioner []	Not as detailed as the national standard but partly mappable (Non-pensioner does not map to the highest level codes). The first 2 codes map to code 31 Australian Government Cash transfers. See short-term recommendation regarding Government pension/benefit status in Section 2.	Codes are partly mappable to Sources of cash income but not as detailed.	YES
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form (part 1)	Asks whether client receives following types of income, and asks for reference or entitlement number where the answer is yes.	Social security payment (yes/no) Is the payment a blind pension? (yes/no) DVA pensioner concession card (yes/no) DVA disability pension (yes/no)	Codes for social security payment, blind pension and DVA disability pension map to code 31 Australian government cash transfers. DVA pensioner concession card is not a source of cash income and does not map to the national standard. Code for Social security payment does not provide much detail, although it is sufficient for administrative purposes, as Centrelink can check which pension the person receives by using their customer reference number.	Codes are mappable to Sources of cash income but not as detailed.	NO

Income characteristics (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form (part 2).	Question asks whether person receives any of the following:	<p>1. Aust superannuation pension immediate annuities allocated pensions or annuities: Yes/no</p> <p>2. Pension, allowance or other payments from overseas? Yes/no</p> <p>3. Rental income from property you own or partly own? Yes/no</p> <p>4. Income from business partnership, farm or from operating as a sole trader? Yes/no</p>	<p>These questions (1–4) specifically ask about a person’s income, and can be mapped to the highest level of coding in NCSDD <i>Sources of cash income</i>. They cannot however, be mapped to the next level of coding (e.g. code 2 does not map to code 3.1 Australian Government cash transfers).</p> <p>Other information is collected in questions 1–4 relating to the names of sources that pay income, and the amount received by the person.</p> <p>Questions 5–8 collect information about the total value of investments, amounts of money given away as gifts, and any other income that may not have been included on the form. These data items relate specifically to client financial data not collected in any other residential aged care collections in the scope of this project, and do not have relevant existing national standards. They have therefore not been included as ‘client characteristics’ for the purposes of this project.</p>	Consistent with highest level of coding.	NO
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—

Income characteristics (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Residential aged care payment claim form		FP Full pensioner PP Part pensioner NP Non pensioner	The first 2 codes map to code 31 Australian Government Cash transfers. Code 3 (non-pensioner) does not map to the highest level of the NCSDD categories (although this level of detail is probably not required). This form also includes a question about concessional resident status—for which no national standard exists (relates to residential aged care only). See Section 2 for recommendations related to this data item.	Is mappable, but not as detailed as the national standard.	YES
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	Personal financial hardship status	Yes/no	This question is related to income but is asking for a different piece of information than <i>Principal source of income</i> .	No standard exists	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Personal financial hardship status</i>	Whether the person is considered to experience financial hardship.	1 Yes 2 No 9 Not stated/inadequately described	This question is related to income but is asking for a different piece of information than <i>Principal source of income</i> .	No standard exists	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Government pension/benefit status</i>	Whether or not the person is in receipt of an income support payment from the Commonwealth government in the form of a government pension or benefit.	1 Aged pension 2 Veterans' Affairs pension 3 Disability support pension 4 Carer payment 5 Unemployment related benefits 6 Other government pension or benefit 7 No government pension or benefit 99 Not stated/inadequately described	Codes all map to Code 31 Australian Government Cash Transfers.	Consistent with <i>Sources of cash income</i> .	—

Marital status

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Health Data Dictionary <i>Marital status</i>	Current marital status of the person.	1 Never married 2 Widowed 3 Divorced 4 Separated 5 Married (including de facto) 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	Includes guideline that the category married (registered and de facto) should be generally accepted as applicable to all de facto couples, including of the same sex.	N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set <i>Marital status</i>	Current marital status of the person	1 Never married 2 Widowed 3 Divorced 4 Separated 5 Married (including de facto) 9 Not stated/ inadequately described		Consistent	—

Marital status (continued)

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	What is your marital status?	S never married W widowed D divorced P separated M married F de facto	Codes for married and de facto can be mapped to national standard code 5 Married (including de facto).	Consistent (data domain is more detailed than the national standard)	N/A
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0	—	—	—	—	—
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—
Resident entry record	—	—	—	—	—
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	Do you have a partner?	No [] Yes []	Guidelines state that 'your partner is your husband, wife or de facto'. Guidelines then state that partner's income should be included as combined income. Asks for name, address and postcode of partner. These codes do not map to highest level of national standard, as highest level coding requires further information about 'partnered' and 'non-partnered' status (e.g. never married or widowed). However, full information on Marital status is not required for administrative purposes and recommendations to change have not been made.	Not consistent	NO
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—

Marital status (continued)

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Application—financial hardship	Marital status	Single Widowed Divorced Separated Married/partnered	Consistency with national standard could be improved by adding the word 'current' to marital status. 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.	Not consistent	YES
Application for classification	—	—	—	—	—
Residential aged care payment claim form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0	—	—	—	—	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5)	—	—	—	—	—

Carer availability

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Community Services Data Dictionary <i>Carer availability</i>	Whether someone, such as a family member, friend or neighbour, has been identified as providing regular and sustained care and assistance to the person requiring care. Carers include those people who receive a pension or benefit for their caring role but does not include paid or volunteer carers organised by formal services.	0 Has no carer 1 Has a carer 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	This standard is used more widely in aged and community care data collections, and seeks to describe whether or not the person has a carer, regardless of whether or not they 'need' a carer. This data element is based on the <i>Informal carer</i> concept in the NCSDD. There is a tension in the Guide for use relating to the identification of carers. That is, whether <i>Carer availability</i> should be self-reported by care recipients or reported according to the opinion of providers. Some aged and community care data collections have addressed this issue by including extra guidelines to help providers identify carers (see ACAP DD and CACP DD). The conflicting nature of the guidelines will be reviewed by the NCSIMG.	N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	Does the person have a carer? (i.e. a friend or relative providing unpaid assistance with tasks of daily living, or monitoring the person's well-being on a sustained basis).	Yes [] No [] Not known []	Consistent with NCSDD, although it is recommended that the 'not known' category is not included on primary data collection forms.	Consistent	N/A

Carer availability (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>Carer availability</i>	Whether someone such as a family member, friend or neighbour, excluding paid or volunteer carers organised by formal services, has been identified as providing regular and sustained care and assistance to the person without payment other than a pension or benefit.	1 Has a carer 2 Has no carer 3 Not applicable—client is a permanent resident of a residential aged care service, multi-purpose service (or multi-purpose centre), Indigenous flexible pilot, hospital or other institutional care setting. 9 Not stated/inadequately described (not for use in primary data collections)	Important to note this question is not asked of people in residential aged care facilities. ACAP MDS V2.0 includes extra guideline to help providers identify carers 'If in doubt about whether the level and type of assistance provided by another person is sufficient to identify them as a carer, if the removal of that assistance would significantly compromise the care available to the person to their detriment, record the person as having a carer'. This is consistent with NCSDD Carer availability definition, although it highlights a tension in the national standard (see NCSDD <i>Carer availability</i>).	Consistent	NO
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—
Resident entry record	—	—	—	—	—
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	—	—	—	—	—
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—
Application—financial hardship	—	—	—	—	—
Application for classification	—	—	—	—	—
Residential aged care payment claim form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—

Carer availability (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Carer availability</i>	Whether someone, such as a family member, friend or neighbour, has been identified as providing regular and sustained care and assistance to the person without payment other than a pension or benefit.	1 Has no carer 2 Has a carer 9 Not stated/inadequately described (not for use in primary data collections)	CACP DD includes extra guideline (identical to ACAP) to help providers identify carers 'If in doubt about whether the level and type of assistance provided by another person is sufficient to identify them as a carer, if the removal of that assistance would significantly compromise the care available to the person to their detriment, record the person as having a carer'. This is consistent with NCSDD <i>Carer availability</i> definition, although it highlights a tension in the national standard (see NCSDD <i>Carer availability</i>).	Consistent	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Carer—existence of</i>	Whether someone, such as a family member, friend or neighbour, has been identified as providing regular and sustained care and assistance to the person without payment other than a pension or benefit.	1 Has a carer 2 Has no carer 9 Not stated/inadequately described	HACC does not include extra guideline for identifying carers (as does ACAP and CACP). It is based on self-reporting by clients only.	Consistent	—

Carer residency status

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Community Services Data Dictionary (not in NHDD) <i>Carer co-residency</i>	Whether or not a carer lives with the person for whom they care.	1 Co-resident carer 2 Non-resident carer 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	Based on the <i>Informal carer</i> concept in the NCSDD (see comments about the identification of carers under NCSDD <i>Carer availability</i>).	N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)		If the person does have a carer, is the carer: Resident [] Visiting []		Consistent	N/A

Carer residency status (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>Carer residency status</i>	Whether or not the carer lives with the person for whom they care.	1 Co-resident carer 2 Non-resident carer 3 Not applicable – client has no carer or is a permanent resident of residential aged care services, multi purpose service (or multi purpose centre), Indigenous flexible pilot, hospital or other institutional care setting. 9 Not stated/ inadequately described		Consistent	NO
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—
Resident entry record	—	—	—	—	—
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	—	—	—	—	—
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—
Application—financial hardship	—	—	—	—	—
Application for classification	—	—	—	—	—

Carer residency status (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Residential aged care payment claim form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Carer residency status</i>	Whether or not the informal carer lives with the person for whom they care.	1 Co-resident carer 2 Non-resident carer 3 Not applicable – carer recipient does not have a carer 9 Not stated/ inadequately described (not for use in primary data collections)		Consistent	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Carer residency status</i>	Whether or not the carer lives with the person for whom they care.	1 Co-resident carer 2 Non-resident carer 9 Not stated/ inadequately described		Consistent	—

Living arrangements

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Community Services Data Dictionary (not in NHDD)	Whether the person lives with other related or unrelated persons.	1 Lives alone 2 Lives with spouse/partner 3 Lives with either spouse/partner and other family member(s) and/or carer (including foster family) 4 Lives with other family members 5 Lives with other members of community 6 Other arrangements 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	This data element should generally be used in conjunction with <i>Accommodation setting</i> , as people can be living in an accommodation setting such as hostels or nursing homes, and be coded as 'living alone'. These people are clearly in a different situation to people that live alone in a private residence. NCSDD Guide for use specifies a rule regarding the living arrangements of people who live in types of accommodation where there may be confusion (e.g. boarding houses, hostels, retirement villages etc.). In these circumstances the person should be regarded as living alone, except in those instances in which they are sharing their own private space/room within the premises with a significant other (e.g. partner, sibling, close friend, etc.).	N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—

Living arrangements (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	With whom do you normally live?	A alone B spouse only C spouse and others D brother/sister E child alone F child and child's family H other family O other	Code list is not consistent with NCSDD as there are no rules about how to code for people that live in 'supported' types of accommodation settings such as hostels and nursing homes. For example, if a person lives in a hostel and does not share their living space, in the absence of any guidelines, they would most likely be coded to 'Other'. According to the NCSDD guidelines, they should be coded as living alone. 2624 data could be analysed in conjunction with <i>Accommodation setting</i> , which would provide more information about the living arrangements of people, but there would not be reliable information as to whether people living in supported environments such as hostels, are sharing their personal living space. The rest of the codes (A-H) map to the national standard.	Not consistent	N/A
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>Living arrangements</i>	Whether the person lives with other related or unrelated persons.	1 Lives alone 2 Lives with family 3 Lives with others	Codes are not as detailed as the NCSDD, but they are mappable (the level of detail contained in the NCSDD was not considered necessary for the purposes of the ACAP MDS V2.0)	Consistent	NO
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—
Resident entry record	—	—	—	—	—
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	—	—	—	—	—
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—
Application—financial hardship	—	—	—	—	—

Living arrangements (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Application for classification	—	—	—	—	—
Residential aged care payment claim form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Living arrangements</i>	Whether the person lives with other related or unrelated persons.	1 Lives alone 2 Lives with family 3 Lives with others 9 Not stated/ inadequately described (not for use in primary data collections)	Codes are not as detailed as the NCSDD, but they are mappable (the level of detail contained in the NCSDD was not considered necessary for the purposes of the CACP data collection).	Consistent	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Living arrangements</i>	Whether the person lives with other related or unrelated persons.	1 Lives alone 2 Lives with family 3 Lives with others 9 Not stated/ inadequately described	Codes are not as detailed as the NCSDD, but they are mappable (the level of detail contained in the NCSDD was not considered necessary for the purposes of the CACP data collection).	Consistent	—

Geographic location

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Community Services Data Dictionary Geographic location	The geographic location of a person, organisation, object or place.	ABS Statistical Local Area (includes State/Territory and 4 digit SLA)		—	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set Area of usual residence	Area of usual residence	As above		Consistent	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set Area of usual residence	Area of usual residence	As above		Consistent	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	Address, suburb/town and Postcode for where client can be contacted.	Address: [] Suburb/town [] Postcode []	SLA can be derived from address information (although some inaccuracies may occur). However, this is the address for where the client can be contacted, and not necessarily the person's 'usual address', as defined in the national standard as where they have lived or intend to live for 6 months or more.	Not consistent	N/A
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0	Suburb/town/locality name and postcode for where the person usually lives.			Consistent.	—
Respite Care—21 day extension form	Client's home address/ Postcode and State	Address [] Postcode [] State []	Should specify Suburb/town field—otherwise complete address information may not always be reported. 'Home address' implies usual address, and is therefore consistent with the national standard.	Consistent, but requires more detail.	YES
Resident entry record	—	—	—	—	—

Geographic location (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	Address/postcode of residential aged care facility	Address [] Postcode []	Can derive SLA from address and postcode of resi care facility. State can be derived from postcode, and then added to SLA. No information as to where client lived previously	Consistent.	—
Appointment of a nominee form	As above	As above	As above	Consistent	—
Application—financial hardship	As above	As above	As above	Consistent	—
Application for classification	As above	As above	As above	Consistent	—
Residential aged care payment claim form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0	Suburb/town/locality name and postcode for where the person usually lives.			Consistent.	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5)	Area of residence (State/Territory), Suburb/town/locality name and Postcode.		SLA can be derived using these 3 data items.	Consistent	—

Country of birth

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Health Data Dictionary <i>Country of birth</i>	The country in which the person was born	Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 4-digit (individual country) level. ABS catalogue no. 1269.0 (1998)	<i>Country of birth</i> can be used to derive English Proficiency Groups, which allow for the measurement of social, cultural and economic disadvantage in Australia's multicultural society. English proficiency groups were developed by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA). The ABS recommends that <i>Country of birth</i> be used in conjunction with <i>Main language other than English spoken at home</i> and <i>Proficiency in spoken English</i> to derive cultural and linguistic diversity and possible disadvantage in terms of access to services. The status of the ABS standard in relation to aged and community care data collections will come under review by the National Community Services Information Management Group.	N/A	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set <i>Country of birth</i>	The country in which the person was born	Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 4-digit (individual country) level. ABS catalogue no. 1269.0 (1998)		Consistent	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set <i>Country of birth</i>	The country in which the person was born	Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 4-digit (individual country) level. ABS catalogue no. 1269.0 (1998)		Consistent	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	Were you born in Australia? Yes [] No [] (if no) In which country were you born?	Blank field	Not consistent as the data domain does not specify that the codes must be consistent with the ABS Standard Australian Classification of Countries.	Not consistent	N/A

Country of birth (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>Country of birth</i>	The country in which the person was born.	Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) 4-digit (individual country) level. ABS catalogue no. 1269.0 (1998)	Forms part of a set of 3 core data elements recommended by the ABS to measure cultural and linguistic diversity (<i>Country of birth, Main language other than English spoken at home and Proficiency in spoken English</i>). <i>Main language other than English spoken at home and Proficiency in spoken English</i> are currently draft status and may not be reporting requirements for the ACAP MDS V2.0, subject to a decision by the NCSIMG regarding the use of the ABS standard.	Consistent	NO
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—
Resident entry record	—	—	—	—	—
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	—	—	—	—	—
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—
Application—financial hardship	—	—	—	—	—
Application for classification	—	—	—	—	—
Residential aged care payment claim form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Country of birth</i>	The country in which the person was born.	The Standard Australian Classification of Countries 1998 4-digit (individual country) level. ABS catalogue no. 1269.0.	Forms part of a set of 3 core data elements recommended by the ABS to measure cultural and linguistic diversity (<i>Country of birth, Main language other than English spoken at home and Proficiency in spoken English</i>). <i>Main language other than English spoken at home and Proficiency in spoken English</i> are currently draft status and may not be reporting requirements for the CACP data collection subject to a decision by the NCSIMG regarding the use of the ABS standard.	Consistent	—

Country of birth (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Country of birth</i>	The country in which the person was born.	The Standard Australian Classification of Countries 1998 4-digit (individual country) level. ABS catalogue no. 1269.0.	In HACC, <i>Country of birth</i> and <i>Main language spoken at home</i> were included as a measure of cultural and linguistic diversity, which was published before the ABS standards were released. These standards will be reviewed for HACC version 2.0.	Consistent	—

Language

Data collection name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
<p>National Health Data Dictionary</p> <p><i>Main language other than English spoken at home</i></p>	<p>The language reported by the person as the main language other than English spoken by a person in his/her home (or most recent private residential setting occupied by the person) on a regular basis, to communicate with other residents of the home or setting and regular visitors.</p>	<p>Refer to the ABS Standards for Statistics on Cultural and Language Diversity, 1999, CAT. No. 1289 for details.</p>	<p>The ABS recommends 3 core data elements for measuring cultural and linguistic diversity. These are <i>Country of birth</i>, <i>Main language other than English spoken at home</i> and <i>Proficiency in spoken English</i>. This standard is currently under review and its status in relation to a number of aged and community care data collections is to be confirmed.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>—</p>

Language (continued)

Data collection name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Health Data Dictionary <i>Preferred language</i>	The language (including sign language) most preferred by the person for communication. This may be a language other than English even where the person can speak fluent English.	Modified version of the ABS adaptation of ASCL to accommodate a 2-digit running code	<p>This data element is not included in the NCSDD, probably because it is not part of the 3 core data items for measuring cultural and linguistic diversity recommended by the ABS.</p> <p>The ABS adaptation of the ACSL to accommodate a 2-digit running code has been modified by removing the geographic groupings from the classification (relating to the broad geographic regions of languages). Thus each geographic grouping 'nec' code has been replaced by one catch all code 'other languages, nfd.</p> <p>It is recommended that the data domain of a national standard is used as 'output categories' or a classification for data that should be used for storage and analysis purposes. 'Input categories' can be specified in the collection methods of a data element. For example, the Alcohol and other drug treatment services working group recently proposed that the data domain for <i>Principal drug of concern</i> should contain the full classification, and that the collection methods should specify the 'short list' or the more 'user friendly' way in which the data can be collected.</p>	N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	What is your preferred language?	English [] Other [] (please specify) _____	<p>This data item is not consistent with the national standard <i>Preferred language</i> as it does not specify a classification of languages to use for coding purposes. Language codes that are consistent with ABS classifications should be specified for use wherever possible.</p> <p>The definition should also specify that preferred language (including sign language) is the language most preferred by the person for communication, which may be a language other than English even where the person can speak fluent English.</p>	Not consistent	N/A

Language (continued)

Data collection name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>Main language other than English spoken at home</i>	The language reported by the person as the main language other than English spoken by the person in her or his home (or most recent private residential setting) on a regular basis, to communicate with other residents of his or her home and regular visitors.	To be confirmed by ACAP Officials. Currently HACC modified version of the ABS 2-digit adaptation of the ASCL.	HACC has developed a modified version of the 2-digit adaptation, which is not consistent with the ABS adaptation of the ASCL to accommodate a 2-digit running code (see comments under HACC <i>Main language spoken at home</i>). This data element has a draft status in the ACAP data dictionary, subject to a review by the NCSIMG of the utility of this data element (including <i>Proficiency in spoken English</i>) as a measure of cultural and linguistic diversity.	Consistent	NO
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—
Resident entry record	—	—	—	—	—
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	—	—	—	—	—
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—
Application—financial hardship	—	—	—	—	—
Application for classification	—	—	—	—	—
Residential aged care payment claim form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—

Language (continued)

Data collection name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Main language other than English spoken at home</i>	The language reported by the person as the main language other than English spoken by a person in his/her home (or most recent private residential setting occupied by the person) on a regular basis, to communicate with other residents of the home or setting and regular visitors.	ABS Adaptation of the ACSL to accommodate a 2-digit running code.	This data element has a draft status in the CACP data dictionary version 1.0, subject to a review by the NCSIMG of the utility of this data element (including <i>Proficiency in spoken English</i>) as a measure of cultural and linguistic diversity.	Consistent	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Main language spoken at home</i>	The language reported by the person as the main language spoken by the person in his or her home (or most recent private residential setting) on a regular basis, to communicate with other residents of his or her home and regular visitors.	HACC modified version of the ABS adaptation of the ASCL to accommodate a 2-digit running code.	In HACC, <i>Country of birth</i> and <i>Main language spoken at home</i> were included as a measure of cultural and linguistic diversity, which was published before the ABS standards were released. These standards will be reviewed for HACC version 2.0. The HACC version 1.5 code list is not entirely consistent with the ABS adaptation to accommodate a 2-digit running code, although all specific country codes can be mapped across to the ABS adaptation. 'Nec' codes have been removed from each geographical grouping so that information about the broad geographic area for some countries that are 'not elsewhere classified' has been lost. Extra country codes have been added to the HACC list, which can map to the 4-digit classification and the 'nec' code under each geographic area in the ABS adaptation. The addition of extra country codes in the HACC list has also changed the numeric codes assigned to countries under each geographic area. The codes for Aboriginal languages have been collapsed under code 86 – Aboriginal languages, and code 98 – Torres Strait Islander languages. Both these codes map to 'Australian indigenous languages, nfd' in the ABS adaptation.	Not consistent.	—

Indigenous status

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Health Data Dictionary <i>Indigenous status</i>	An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives.	1 Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin 2 Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin 4 Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin 9 Not stated	<p>In effect, the definition is based on the 'working definition' of Indigenous status, which is based on self-identification only. Includes standard question recommended for self-enumerated or interview-based collections (i.e. the ABS 'working definition'): '[Are you] [Is the person] [Is (name)] of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? Includes recommended 3 tick boxes (No, Yes—Aboriginal, Yes—Torres Strait Islander).</p> <p>Includes guideline that code 9 should not be available as a valid answer except in specific circumstances (e.g. answer was refused).</p> <p>Includes guideline recommending that the person should be asked wherever possible, although the question can be asked of people in a position to answer with confidence.</p> <p>Includes guideline that question should be asked even if the person does not 'look' Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.</p> <p>Includes procedure for coding multiple responses.</p>	N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set <i>Indigenous status</i>	An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives.	1 Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin 2 Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin 4 Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin 9 Not stated		Consistent	—

Indigenous status (continued)

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Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set <i>Indigenous status</i>	An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives.	1 Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin 2 Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin 4 Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin 9 Not stated		Consistent	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624) <i>Indigenous status</i>	—	Are you an Aboriginal? Yes [] No [] Are you a Torres Strait Islander? Yes [] No []	Does not map to national standard (does not allow for coding both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin). Could include the standard question, as well as guidelines stating that question should be asked even if the person does not 'look' Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.	Not consistent	N/A

Indigenous status (continued)

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0 <i>Indigenous status</i>	Whether or not the person identifies themselves as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.	1 Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin 2 Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin 4 Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin 9 Not stated	The definition is based on self-identification only (the 'working definition' based on the ABS standard question), and is different to the national standard definition, although the meaning is consistent. The national standard definition is under review.	Consistent	NO
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—
Resident Entry Record	—	—	—	—	—
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	—	—	—	—	—
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—
Application—financial hardship	—	—	—	—	—
Application for classification	—	—	—	—	—
Residential aged care payment claim form	—	—	—	—	—

Indigenous status (continued)

Data collection name Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0 <i>Indigenous status</i>	Whether or not the person identifies themselves as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.	1 Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin 2 Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin 4 Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin 9 Not stated	The definition is based on self-identification only (the 'working definition' based on the ABS standard question), and is different to the national standard definition, although the meaning is consistent. The national standard definition is under review. Includes all guidelines from national standard.	Consistent	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5) <i>Indigenous status</i>	Indigenous status states whether or not a person is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.	1 Aboriginal but not Torres Strait Islander origin 2 Torres Strait Islander but not Aboriginal origin 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin 4 Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin 9 Not stated	Definition in guidelines 1.5 does not include 3 components of Indigenous status, as in national standard, although the meaning is consistent with national standard. Includes the standard question which asks 'Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?' Also includes recommended 3 tick boxes, with guideline that two can be ticked if person is both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. Includes guideline that this question should be asked of all clients.	Consistent	—

Insurance characteristics

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
National Health Data Dictionary <i>Funding source for hospital patient</i>	Expected principal source of funds for an admitted patient episode or non- admitted patient service event.	01 Australian Health Care Agreements 02 Private health insurance 03 Self-funded 04 Worker's compensation 05 Motor vehicle third party personal claim 06 Other compensation (e.g. public liability, common law, medical negligence) 07 Department of Veterans' Affairs 08 Department of Defence 09 Correctional facility 10. Other hospital or public authority (contracted care) 11. Reciprocal health care agreements (with other countries) 12 Other 99 Not known		N/A	—
Admitted patient care National Minimum Data Set	As above	As above	As above	As above	—
Community mental health care National Minimum Data Set	—	—	—	—	—
Aged Care Application and Approval (2624)	—	—	—	—	—

Insurance characteristics (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Aged Care Assessment Program Minimum Data Set Version 2.0	—	—	—	—	—
Respite Care—21 day extension form	—	—	—	—	—
Resident entry record	Is the resident receiving:	Worker's compensation? [] Third party insurance []	Worker's compensation maps to code 04 of <i>Funding source for hospital patients.</i>	Consistent	NO
Helping you with your residential aged care fee form	—	—	—	—	—
Appointment of a nominee form	—	—	—	—	—
Application—financial hardship	—	—	—	—	—
Application for classification	Has the care recipient received, is the care recipient receiving, or can the care recipient claim:	A Veterans' Affairs pension (yes/no) A third party insurance settlement (yes/no) A worker's compensation settlement (yes/no) Other forms of compensation (yes/no)	This data item combines information about income and insurance status (i.e. Code 1 relates to receipt of a pension and codes 2– 4 relate to compensation payments). Codes do not map to highest level of national standard.	Consistent	NO
Residential aged care payment claim form	Liability (if subsidy is not payable by Health and Aged Care)	WC (worker's compensation) TP (third party)		Consistent	NO
Community Aged Care Packages Payment Claim Form	—	—	—	—	—

Insurance characteristics (continued)

Data collection name/ Data item name	Definition/question	Data domain	Comments and/or suggested modifications	Overall consistency	Changes suggested?
Community Aged Care Packages Data Dictionary Version 1.0	—	—	—	—	—
Home and Community Care Minimum Data Set (Guidelines Version 1.5)	—	—	—	—	—