Sponsor: # NHS Connecting for Health	**Implementation Date:**	*1 September 2006*
	Subject: **Data Standards: Person Marital Status Code**	

DATA SET CHANGE CONTROL PROCEDURE

This paper informs users of changes to the NHS Data Model, NHS Data Dictionary and Commissioning Data Sets

Summary:

The NHS Data Dictionary definition of Person Marital Status Code has been amended to clarify the recording of Civil Partnerships.

This change is in line with the proposed changes to eGIF.

Healthcare organisations can use this clarified definition immediately; systems should be updated by 1st September 2006.

The NHS Information Standards Board (ISB) is responsible for approving information standards. The ISB output related to the assurance and sign-off of this standard can be found at
http://www.isb.nhs.uk/docs/dscn12-2006output.pdf

More information about the ISB can be found at www.isb.nhs.uk
Dataset change notices can be found at www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/dscn

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NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

Reference:	Change Request 774
Version No:	1.1
Subject:	Person Marital Status Code
Type of Change:	Changes to NHS Data Standards
Effective Date:	**1st September 2006**
Reason for Change:	The NHS Data Dictionary attribute Personal Marital Status Code has been updated to enable recording of civil partnerships.

Background:

The Civil Partnership Act 2004 came into force on 5 December 2005, enabling same-sex couples to obtain legal recognition of their relationship. Couples who form a civil partnership will have a new legal status, that of 'civil partner'.

The Government Data Standards Catalogue (GDSC) entry for Person Marital Status includes a draft version with proposed e-Gif codes to record civil partnerships. Following recent definition queries surrounding Marital Status for the Mental Health Minimum Data Set, the current NHS Data Dictionary definition of Person Marital Status Code has been amended to enable recording of civil partnerships. It is recognised these codes are not identical to the e-Gif definition, however the codes remain compatible. The definitions will be updated further once an updated version of the Person Marital Status definition is released on the GDSC.

From October 2006 the Commissioning Data Sets will be submitted in XML format, and the national codes for recording Personal Marital Status Code for CDS EDIFACT messages have been retired.

Summary of changes:

Class Definitions

PERSON MARITAL STATUS   Change to Description

Attribute Definitions

PERSON MARITAL STATUS CODE   Change to Description

Data Elements

MARITAL STATUS   Change to Description
PERSON MARITAL STATUS   Change to Description

Date: 2nd May 2006
Sponsor: Mental Health Statistics Team, Health and Social Care Information Centre

Note: New text is indicated with blue highlighting. Deleted text is indicated by a strikeout. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

PERSON MARITAL STATUS

Change to Class: Change to Description

~~An indicator to identify the legal marital status of a~~ ~~PERSON.~~ An indicator to identify the legal marital or civil status of a PERSON.

This class is also known by these names:

Context	Alias

plural	PERSON MARITAL STATUS

PERSON MARITAL STATUS CODE

Change to Attribute: Change to Description

An indicator to identify the legal marital status of a PERSON.

~~National Codes~~ *National Codes*

for use in existing CDS EDIFACT messages:

~~1~~	~~Single~~
1	Single (Retired 2006-10-01)
~~2~~	~~Married/separated~~
2	Married/separated (Retired 2006-10-01)
~~3~~	~~Divorced~~
3	Divorced (Retired 2006-10-01)
~~4~~	~~Widowed~~
4	Widowed (Retired 2006-10-01)

for use in all new and developing systems and for XML messages:

S	Single
~~M~~	~~Married~~
M	Married/Civil Partner
~~D~~	~~Divorced~~
D	Divorced/Person whose Civil Partnership has been dissolved
~~W~~	~~Widowed~~
W	Widowed/Surviving Civil Partner
P	Separated
N	Not disclosed

~~References:~~
~~UK Government Data Standards Catalogue (GDSC), Version 2.0, Agreed 01.01.02. GDSC:~~
~~http://www.govtalk.gov.uk/gdsc/html/default.htm~~

This attribute is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	PERSON MARITAL STATUS CODES

MARITAL STATUS

Change to Data Element: Change to Description

Format/length:	n1
HES item:	MARSTAT
National Codes:	
Default Codes:	8 - Not applicable, i.e. not a psychiatric episode
	9 - Not known

Notes:
This is the same as PERSON MARITAL STATUS CODE.

~~The e-GIF standard PERSON MARITAL STATUS should be used for all new and developing systems and for XML messages. PERSON MARITAL STATUS CODE carries two sets of codes: one is for use in existing CDS EDIFACT messages and the other is the e-GIF codes for all new and developing systems and XML messages.~~ PERSON MARITAL STATUS should be used for all new and developing systems and for XML messages. PERSON MARITAL

Commissioning Data Set messages

Following the recommendation of the Data Protection Registrar, Marital Status should not be recorded by providers in the CDS except in respect of the psychiatric specialties in the Admitted Patient Care CDS. The data item remains in the data standards since it will be needed by the provider.

Mental Health Minimum Dataset messages

For the Mental Health Minimum Dataset (MHMDS), MARITAL STATUS must be recorded and kept up to date for all psychiatric patients as specified in version 2.5.1 of the MHMDS Data Manual: http://www.icservices.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/dataset/documents/MHMDS_Data_Manual.pdf.

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	MARITAL STATUSES

PERSON MARITAL STATUS

Change to Data Element: Change to Description

Format/length: 1 character HES item: National Codes: Default Codes:

Notes:
References:
UK Government Data Standards Catalogue (GDSC), Version 2.0, Agreed 01.01.02. GDSC: http://www.govtalk.gov.uk/gdsc/html/default.htm

PERSON MARITAL STATUS is the same as PERSON MARITAL STATUS CODE.

The e-GIF standard PERSON MARITAL STATUS should be used for all new and developing systems and for XML messages. For existing CDS EDIFACT messages however, MARITAL STATUS should be used. PERSON MARITAL STATUS should be used for all new and developing systems and for XML messages.

UK Government Data Standards Catalogue

Data Element	Person Marital Status
Is Part Of	Person Information
Has Parts	
Version	2.0
Status	Release
Previous Versions	
Later Versions	
Date Agreed	1 January 2002

Meta Data	Value
Name	Person Marital Status
Description	An indicator to identify the legal marital status of a person.
Business Format	1 Character
Element Type	Data Item
Validation	
Values	S – Single

M – Married
D – Divorced
W – Widowed
N – Not disclosed
P – Separated

Default Value	
Owner	OcE
Based On	
Verification	**If Value is M:** Level 0 – Not Verified. Level 1 – One or more of the following: • Sworn Affidavit. • Passport. Level 2 – Documented confirmation of Marriage by Validity of Marriage Unit. Level 3 – One of the following: • British marriage certificate. • Certificate of registry showing given names and family names. • GRO copy. • Foreign marriage certificate (under religious or national law of the country). **If Value is D:** Level 0 – Not Verified. Level 1 – Confirmation of divorce from Verification of Marriage Unit. Level 2 – One of the following : • Decree Absolute. • Certificate of registry showing given names and family name. • GRO copy. • Foreign decree of divorce effective under the law of the country. **If Value is W:** Level 0 – Not Verified / Interim Death certificate. Level 1 – One of the following: • Notification from Hospital. • Police Statement. Level 2 – One of the following : • Documented Coroners Verdict. • Presumption of death by a court of Law in England, Scotland or Wales. Level 3 – One of the following: • Death certificate BD8. • Notification from General Registrars Office (system or clerical). • Certificate of Registry showing given names and family name. • GRO copy. • Notification of death issued by Forces Department of the Ministry of Defence (MOD). • Notification of death issued by the Registrar General of the Shipping and Seamen (Mercantile Marine). **If Value is P:** Level 0 – Not Verified. Level 1 – Telephone call to/from customer describing circumstances of separation. Level 2 – Decree Nisi. Level 3 – Decree of Judicial Separation
Comment	

This data element is also known by these names:

Context	Alias
plural	PERSON MARITAL STATUSES

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