

Person—government funding identifier, Medicare card number N(11)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Medicare card number
METEOR identifier:	270101
Registration status:	Health! , Standard 01/03/2005 Community Services (retired) , Recorded 27/03/2007 Indigenous , Standard 05/09/2014 WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015 Tasmanian Health , Standard 02/09/2016
Definition:	Person identifier, allocated by the Health Insurance Commission to eligible persons under the Medicare scheme, that appears on a Medicare card.
Context:	Medicare utilisation statistics. Persons eligible for Medicare services.
Data Element Concept:	Person—government funding identifier
Value Domain:	Medicare card number identifier N(11)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	Number
Format:	N(11)
Maximum character length:	11

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Full Medicare number for an individual (i.e. family number plus person (individual reference) number).
Comments:	<p>The Medicare card number is printed on a Medicare card and is used to access Medicare records for an eligible person.</p> <p>Up to 9 persons can be included under the one Medicare card number with up to five persons appearing on one physical card.</p> <p>Persons grouped under one Medicare card number are often a family, however, there is no requirement for persons under the same Medicare card number to be related.</p> <p>A person may be shown under separate Medicare card numbers where, for example, a child needs to be included on separate Medicare cards held by their parents. As a person can be identified on more than one Medicare card this is not a unique identifier for a person.</p>

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The Medicare card number should only be collected from persons eligible to receive health services that are to be funded by the Commonwealth government. The number should be reported to the appropriate government agency to reconcile payment for the service provided. The data should not be used by private sector organisations for any other purpose unless specifically authorised by law. For example, data linkage should not be carried out unless specifically authorised by law.

Comments: Note: Veterans may have a Medicare card number and a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) number or only a DVA number.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Standards Australia
Origin: AS5017 Health care client identification

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Is re-engineered from  [Medicare card number, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.6 KB)
No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

- [Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2005
- [Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 06/03/2009
- [Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 22/12/2009
- [Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2011
- [Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 08/05/2014
- [Cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 14/05/2015
- [Cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)
[Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015
- [Ear nose and throat services patient cluster](#)
[Indigenous](#), Standard 05/09/2014
Implementation start date: 01/04/2012
- [Health care client identification](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 04/05/2005
- [Health care client identification DSS](#)
[Health!](#), Superseded 03/12/2008
- [Health care client identification DSS](#)
[Health!](#), Retired 20/03/2013
- [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2016](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 05/07/2017
Implementation start date: 01/07/2016
Implementation end date: 30/06/2017
Conditional obligation:
Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card
- [Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2017](#)
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 10/01/2018
Implementation start date: 01/07/2017
Implementation end date: 30/06/2018
Conditional obligation:
Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2018](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 05/04/2019

Implementation start date: 01/07/2018

Implementation end date: 30/06/2019

Conditional obligation:

Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2019](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 17/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2019

Implementation end date: 30/06/2020

Conditional obligation:

Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2020](#)

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 15/06/2020

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

DSS specific information:

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER_MEDICARE_NUMBER
- Short name: Patient Medicare number.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015

DSS specific information:

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER_MEDICARE_NUMBER
- Short name: Patient Medicare number.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017

DSS specific information:

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER_MEDICARE_NUMBER
- Short name: Patient Medicare number.

The synonymous name FULL_MEDICARE_NUMBER is used for national reporting.

**Implementation in
Indicators:**

Used as Numerator

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 08J – Proportion of population receiving clinical mental health care, 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 13/04/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: P21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: P24-GP-type services, 2010](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2013](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2014](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17–Treatment rates for mental illness, 2016](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 31/01/2017

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17–Treatment rates for mental illness, 2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17–Treatment rates for mental illness, 2018](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17–Treatment rates for mental illness, 2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17–Treatment rates for mental illness, 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17–Treatment rates for mental illness, 2021](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17–Treatment rates for mental illness, 2022](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 24/09/2021

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2011](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2011](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2012](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2011](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2011](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2012](#)

[Health!](#), Retired 25/06/2013