

Medicare card number identifier N(11)

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	270694
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:	A combination of numeric characters that uniquely identify a Medicare customer.

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>

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:	Person—government funding identifier, Medicare card number N(11) Community Services (retired) , Recorded 27/03/2007 Health! , Standard 01/03/2005 Indigenous , Standard 05/09/2014 Tasmanian Health , Standard 02/09/2016 WA Health , Standard 19/03/2015
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