Department of Veterans' Affairs file number

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000204   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration Authority: NHIMG   Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Effective date: 30-JUN-02

Definition: The Department of Veterans' Affairs file number of the person.

Context: Admitted patient care, admitted patient palliative care, admitted patient mental health care: this number must be recorded by a service provider each time a service is provided to a person who holds the entitlement for reimbursement purposes.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphanumeric

Representational form: IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Representation layout: AAANNNN

Minimum Size: 7

Maximum Size: 7

Guide For Use: The file reference is a seven digit identifier that can have a State code (N,V,Q,S,W,T) included, and in some circumstances a file type code is added. ACT is included in NSW (N) and NT with SA (S).

Individuals are identified by an alphanumeric code at the end of the file number. A veteran's spouse and children have the same file number but are identified within the DVA Client Database with a segment link or suffix. The segment link and suffix are different and can change. For example, the suffix usually changes when a wife becomes a widow.

Changes to the information system in the Department of Veteran's Affairs may permit the identification of all individual States and Territories in the future.

Related metadata: relates to the data element Department of Veterans' Affairs patient version 1

has been superseded by Department of Veterans' Affairs file number version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Department of Veteran's Affairs, National Health Data Committee

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Recipient role

Data Agreements which include this Data Element