Medicare card number

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:	NHDD		
Knowledgebase ID:	000091	Version number:	2
Metadata type:	DATA ELEMENT		
Registration Authority:	NHIMG	Admin status:	SUPERSEDED
		Effective date:	01-MAR-05

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

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype:	Numeric
Representational form:	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
Representation layout:	N(11)
Minimum Size:	11
Maximum Size:	11

Data Domain: NOVAL — Full Medicare number for an individual (i.e. family number plus person [individual reference] number).

Guide For Use: As a person can be identified on more than one Medicare card this is not a unique identifier for a person.
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.

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

Verification Rules:.

Related metadata: supersedes previous data element Medicare number version 1
relates to the data element concept Name version 1

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: AS5017 Health Care Client Identification.

Source Organisation: Standards Australia

Comments: The Medicare Card Number is printed on a Medicare Card and is used to access Medicare records for an eligible person. Up to 9 persons can be included under the one Medicare Card Number with up to five persons appearing on one physical card. 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. 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.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM	Recipient role

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

DSS - Health care client identification	From 01-Jan-03 to
DSS - Cancer (clinical)	From 04-Jun-04 to