

# Person—Medicare personal identifier number, N(9)

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Medicare personal identifier number
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Medicare PIN
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	601562
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Standard 14/10/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	A unique numeric identifier issued for use in identifying a person who has accessed a Medicare claimable service event.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—Medicare personal identifier number</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Identifier N(9)</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Identifier
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	N(9)
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	9

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** The Medicare PIN is system generated. The PIN allocated to a person at initial enrolment stays with that person throughout their existence in Medicare even if the person is supplied with different card numbers. A person can only be shown on two Medicare cards at one time and where a third card is required, a separate PIN is allocated (for example, a child shown on separate cards held by the parents and needs to be included on a carer's card).

It is anticipated that at some stage there will be a unique identifier for a consumer across programs (e.g. Medicare, PBS, etc). However, this is currently not the case.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Medicare Benefits Schedule \(MBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)  
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

Variable name = PIN

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 1.1-Annual health assessments, 2016](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 17/08/2017

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 2.1-Cardiac-related diagnostic tests, 2016](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/08/2017

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 4.2-Chronic disease management, 2016](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/08/2017

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat colonoscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 27/04/2021

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat gastroscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 27/04/2021

**Used as Denominator**

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 4.2-Chronic disease management, 2016](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 17/08/2017