Medicare card number identifier N(11)



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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

METEOR identifier: 270694

Registration status: 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

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: 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. As a person can be identified on more than one Medicare card this is not

a unique identifier for a person.

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:

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

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