

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Medicare personal identifier number
Synonymous names:	Medicare PIN
METEOR identifier:	601562
Registration status:	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	A unique numeric identifier issued for use in identifying a person who has accessed a Medicare claimable service event.
Data Element Concept:	<a href="#">Person—Medicare personal identifier number</a>
Value Domain:	<a href="#">Identifier N(9)</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	String
Format:	N(9)
Maximum character length:	9

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health
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## Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	<a href="#">Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) state/territory data extract 2013-14</a> <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Retired 19/10/2023 <b>Implementation start date:</b> 01/07/2013 <b>Implementation end date:</b> 30/06/2014 <b>DSS specific information:</b>  Variable name = PIN
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**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](#)