Service/care provider—Medicare service provider identifier, NNNNNN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Medicare service provider identifier |
| Synonymous names: | Servicing provider number; Provider stem |
| METEOR identifier: | 601809 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | A unique numeric identifier for the [**Medicare service provider**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/608802) to facilitate the payment of patient/provider claims. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Service/care provider—Medicare service provider identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601807)  |
| Value Domain: | [Identifier NNNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/315100) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Identifier |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | NNNNNN |
| Maximum character length: | 6 |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | It is possible for a provider to have more than one provider number.The stem is combined with the provider's location identifier to distinguish different locations. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Service/care provider—Medicare referring provider identifier, NNNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603936)       [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023See also [Service/care provider—Medicare service provider practice location identifier, text X](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601956)       [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) state/territory data extract 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603356)       [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014***DSS specific information:*** Variable name = SPR |