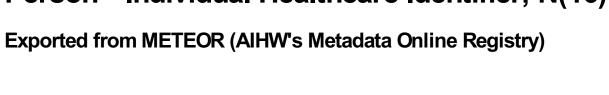
Person—Individual Healthcare Identifier, N(16)



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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Individual Healthcare Identifier

Synonymous names:

METEOR identifier: 743458

Registration status: Health, Standard 20/10/2021

Definition: The numerical identifier that uniquely identifies each individual in the Australian

healthcare system.

Data Element Concept: Person—Individual Healthcare Identifier

Value Domain: <u>Identifier N(16)</u>

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class: Identifier

Data type: Number

Format: N(16)

Maximum character length: 16

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Cancer Australia

Reference documents: National E-Health Transition Authority 2010. HI service: concept of operations.

Version 2.0-final release. Sydney: National E-Health Transition Authority

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

Each person's Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI) is unique within the Australian healthcare system.

Record the full IHI for an individual.

The IHI is part of the Australian Government's digital health initiative developed to enhance the way information is exchanged, shared and managed in the Australian health sector. Electronic identifiers and the systems underpinning them were developed and are maintained by the Healthcare Identifiers (HI) Service.

IHIs are automatically assigned to all individuals registered with Medicare Australia or enrolled in the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) programs. Those not enrolled in Medicare Australia or with the DVA are assigned a temporary number when they next seek health care; this is then validated by the HI Service Operator and becomes their unique IHI.

Each IHI has an <u>Record Status</u>; this describes whether verification of the identifier of the individual has occurred and is based on the evidence available of a person's identity.

The IHI number does not change regardless of the person's Record Status.

Each IHI also has a Number Status; this describes whether the IHI number is in use:

The format of the number is as follows:

Digits N1-N6: The issuer identification number, which in turn is made up of:

N1-N2, Major industry identifier: 80 = health N3-N5, Country code: 036 = Australia

N6, Number type: 0 = IHI

Digits N7-N15: Individual account identification (9 digits for the unique identifier)

Digit N16: Check digit

Collection methods: Authorised healthcare providers and their authorised staff can access an

individual's IHI online through the HI Service at the Australian Government Services

Australia website.

Comments: The IHI is an Australian Government's digital health initiative and supports the

accurate retrieval, discovery and recording of an individual's electronic health

information, as part of the delivery of healthcare in Australia.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes Person—Individual Healthcare Identifier, N(16)

Health, Superseded 20/10/2021

See also <u>Identifier—identifier status</u>, <u>Individual Healthcare Identifier number status</u>

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See also <u>Identifier—record status</u>, <u>Individual Healthcare Identifier record status</u>

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