

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Medicare card number
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270101
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Standard 01/03/2005</li><li>• <a href="#">Indigenous</a>, Standard 05/09/2014</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 02/09/2016</li><li>• <a href="#">WA Health</a>, Standard 19/03/2015</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	Person identifier, allocated by the Health Insurance Commission to eligible persons under the Medicare scheme, that appears on a Medicare card.
<b>Context:</b>	Medicare utilisation statistics.  Persons eligible for Medicare services.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—government funding identifier</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Identifier
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N(11)
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	11

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Full Medicare number for an individual (i.e. family number plus person (individual reference) number).
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>The Medicare card number is printed on a Medicare card and is used to access Medicare records for an eligible person.</p> <p>Up to 9 persons can be included under the one Medicare card number with up to five persons appearing on one physical card.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes


**Guide for use:** The Medicare card number should only be collected from persons eligible to receive health services that are to be funded by the Commonwealth government. The number should be reported to the appropriate government agency to reconcile payment for the service provided. The data should not be used by private sector organisations for any other purpose unless specifically authorised by law. For example, data linkage should not be carried out unless specifically authorised by law.

**Comments:** Note: Veterans may have a Medicare card number and a Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) number or only a DVA number.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Standards Australia  
**Origin:** AS5017 Health care client identification

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes  [Medicare card number, version 2, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (15.6 KB) *No registration status*

### Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 06/03/2009

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 07/12/2011

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 08/05/2014

[Cancer \(clinical\) DSSHealth](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

[Cancer \(clinical\) NBPDSHealth](#), Standard 14/05/2015

[Ear nose and throat services patient clusterIndigenous](#), Standard 05/09/2014

**Implementation start date:** 01/04/2012

[Health care client identificationHealth](#), Superseded 04/05/2005

[Health care client identification DSSHealth](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

[Health care client identification DSSHealth](#), Retired 20/03/2013

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2016Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 05/07/2017

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2016

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**Conditional obligation:**

Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2017 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded  
10/01/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

**Conditional obligation:**

Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2018 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded  
05/04/2019

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Conditional obligation:**

Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2019 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded  
17/06/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020

**Conditional obligation:**

Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card

[Tasmanian Demographics Data Set - 2020 Tasmanian Health](#), Standard  
15/06/2020

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

**Conditional obligation:**

Only required if the person is eligible and has a Medicare card

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

**DSS specific information:**

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER\_MEDICARE\_NUMBER
- Short name: Patient Medicare number.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015

**DSS specific information:**

In the NAPAAWL DC this data item has:

- Synonymous name: PER\_MEDICARE\_NUMBER
- Short name: Patient Medicare number.

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2016-17WA Health](#), Standard 30/05/2017

**Used as Numerator**

**DSS specific information:**

[KPIs for Australian Public Mental Health Services: PI 08J – Proportion of population receiving clinical mental health care, 2015Health](#), Standard 13/04/2016

- Synonymous name: PER\_MEDICARE\_NUMBER
- Short name: Patient Medicare number.

[National Healthcare Agreement: P21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2010Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011  
The synonymous name FULL\_MEDICARE\_NUMBER is used for national reporting.

[National Healthcare Agreement: P24-GP-type services, 2010Health](#), Superseded 08/06/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2013Health](#), Superseded 30/04/2014

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2014Health](#), Superseded 14/01/2015

**Implementation in Indicators:**

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2015Health](#), Superseded 08/07/2016

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2016Health](#), Superseded 31/01/2017

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2017Health](#), Superseded 30/01/2018

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2018Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2019

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2019Health](#), Superseded 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2020Health](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2021Health](#), Standard 16/09/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 17-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2022Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2011Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2011Health](#), Superseded 31/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 21-Treatment rates for mental illness, 2012Health](#), Superseded 25/06/2013

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2011Health](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2011Health](#), Superseded 30/10/2011

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 24-GP-type services, 2012Health](#), Retired 25/06/2013

[Population access to clinical mental health care, 2018Health](#), Recorded 09/08/2018