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)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 27/03/2007  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 05/09/2014  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 02/09/2016  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |
| Definition: | A combination of numeric characters that uniquely identify a Medicare customer. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Identifier | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N(11) | |
| Maximum character length: | 11 | |

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| 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. |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Person—government funding identifier, Medicare card number N(11)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270101)  [Community Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/1), Recorded 27/03/2007  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 05/09/2014  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 02/09/2016  [WA Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/2), Standard 19/03/2015 |