

Medicare card number identifier N(11)

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	270694
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Recorded 27/03/2007• Health, Standard 01/03/2005• Indigenous, Standard 05/09/2014• Tasmanian Health, Standard 02/09/2016• WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015

Definition: A combination of numeric characters that uniquely identify a Medicare customer.

Representational attributes

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

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.

Relational attributes

Data elements implementing this value domain:	Person—government funding identifier, Medicare card number N(11) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACT Health (retired), Candidate 02/01/2019• Community Services (retired), Recorded 27/03/2007• Health, Standard 01/03/2005• Indigenous, Standard 05/09/2014• Tasmanian Health, Standard 02/09/2016• WA Health, Standard 19/03/2015
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