
Agency identifier

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary:

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Definition: An Agency Identifier would uniquely identify the organisation delivering care to a person.

Context: In the event of a central data-collection, the central site would be able to use this number to uniquely identify an agency. Allocation of an agency identifier to each person's record allows for the analysis of a database at the desired levels of aggregation. Ideally, the number would be automatically assigned at the collection level or an alternate arrangement would be for a central collection body to assign at the time of a data download.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: N.NN.NNN

Minimum Size: 9

Maximum Size: 9

Data Domain: NOVAL The three sub-sets indicated in the representational form relate to the following categories:

- State
- Organisation
- Sub-Sectors

Guide For Use: At the agency level a numbering system should allow for the identification of any sub-section of the agency from which discrete data may be required. Sectors may be geographic or based on other organisational criteria. For the purpose of the CNMDSA, the minimal level of sub-sector would be the centre/s from which services are provided on a daily basis. This may cover

a full agency if it is small, or the separate centres or bases within a larger agency. This number would be locally used and allocated by the service agency, according to the format outlined in representational attributes.

When required, the CNMDSA Agency identifier details should be directly transferable or easily derived from the locally-used agency number, and the following details able to be ascribed:

- Type of Agency and Name
- Physical location - State Level
- Sub-Sectors - Community Level

Collection Methods: Because it would be possible for the same client numbering system to be used by more than one service provider, in the event of a central data collection this agency identifier could be linked to the Person identifier to ensure that the identifying number for each service recipient is unique.

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: Australian Council of Community Nursing Services Inc.

Comments: For collection purposes the agency should have the ability to report at the lowest level of geographic area, for example a satellite centre of a community agency.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Organisation characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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