
Geographic location

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000260 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 30-JUN-97
Definition: Identifies the location of the establishment. Two items are required-
postcode and Statistical Local Area for the main administrative
centre of the establishment only.
Context: Health services: required as an indicator of establishment location to
enable data to be aggregated up into regions of interest for particular
studies.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: NNNNN
Minimum Size: 5
Maximum Size: 5
Data Domain: NOVAL Two codes as listed in Guide for use
Guide For Use: Provide code for postcode.
Provide code for Statistical Local Area.
(Australian Standard Geographical Classification, Australian
Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 1216.0)
Related metadata: has been superseded by Geographical location of establishment
version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:
Source Organisation: National minimum data set working parties

Comments: The Resources Working Party agreed that geographical location

should simply be an indication of where an establishment was located so that people can aggregate data into regions of interest for their particular studies, such as State, metropolitan / non-metropolitan, so that people can produce the cross-tabulations they wanted. In no sense was the location identifier in national minimum data sets to indicate catchment area or population served, nor could it.

It was also accepted that Statistical Local Area was more appropriate than Legal Local Government Area in view of the limitations of the latter (for example, not covering all of Australia).

The working party had considered having separate indicators for each distinct site of an establishment at which in-patient or any other form of care is provided. However, it took the view that, as area health services and multicampus institutions were no longer to be allowable establishment types, separate indicators were no longer of much importance.

[Data Element Links](#)

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Address element

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
