
Medicare number

Important note: This is an archived metadata standard from the AIHW Knowledgebase. For current metadata standards and related information please access METeOR, the AIHW's Metadata Online Registry at <http://meteor.aihw.gov.au>

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000091 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 30-JUN-02
Definition: Personal identifier allocated by the Health Insurance Commission to eligible persons under the Medicare scheme.
Context: Medicare utilisation statistics and admitted patient care.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: NNNNNNNNNNNN
Minimum Size: 11
Maximum Size: 11
Data Domain: NOVAL Full Medicare number for an individual (i.e. family number plus person number)
Related metadata: has been superseded by Medicare card number version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:
Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: Under Medicare, each eligible family in the population is assigned a unique identifying number. This number, together with age and sex, provides an essentially unique identifier.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Recipient role

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
