

# Health care provider identification DSS

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 374199

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Retired 20/03/2013

**DSS type:** Data Set Specification (DSS)

**Scope:** The scope of these data elements includes identification of individual and organisation health care providers. The data elements also allow for identification of an individual in a health care organisation. The definition of health care provider is:

'any person or organisation who is involved in or associated with the delivery of healthcare to a client, or caring for client wellbeing'.

The data elements have been defined to enable a common, best practice approach to the way data are captured and stored, to ensure that records relating to a provider will be associated with that individual and/or organisation and no other. The definitions are proposed for clinical and administrative data management purposes.

The ability to positively identify health care providers and locate their relevant details is an important support to the provision of speedy, safe, high quality, comprehensive and efficient health care. Unambiguous identification of individual health care providers is necessary for:

- Requesting and reporting of orders, tests and results (e.g. pathology, diagnostic imaging)
- Other communications and referrals between health care providers regarding ongoing care of patients (e.g. a referral from a GP to a specialist, a hospital discharge plan)
- Reporting on health care provision to statutory authorities (e.g. reporting of hospital patient administration systems data to State/Territory government health agencies)
- Payments to providers
- Registration of providers
- Directories or lists of providers and their service locations for consumer information.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:** Collected at point of entry to health care for the purposes of the identification of the provider of that health care.

**Comments:** There are many barriers to successfully identifying individuals in health care settings, including variable data quality; differing data capture requirements and mechanisms; and varying data matching methods. This data set specification provides a framework for improving the confidence that the data being associated with any given individual or organisation, is appropriately associated.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Standards Australia Inc Health Informatics Committee (IT-014)

**Reference documents:** Health care client identification DSS

The Australian Standard AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification identifies other data that should be collected. These data are collections of free text information and as such are not capable of standardisation as a national health data standard. Within AS4846 however they form part of the data collection necessary for the complete identification of a health care provider.

These data elements are identified in the section Standardised elsewhere section below.

If these data elements are collected in conjunction with those of the Data set specification they form a collection equivalent to that of the Australian Standard AS4846.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Supersedes [Health care provider identification DSS](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 03/12/2008

See also [Person and provider identification in healthcare National Best Practice Data Set](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification [Show more detail](#)

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Date—accuracy indicator, code AAA</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Individual service provider—occupation (self-identified), code (ANZSCO 1st edition) N[NNN]{NN}</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Individual service provider—occupation end date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Individual service provider—occupation start date, DDMMYYYY</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—address line, text X[X(179)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—address type, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—building/complex sub-unit identifier, [X(7)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—building/complex sub-unit type, code A[AAA]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—building/property name, text X[X(29)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—country identifier, code (SACC 2008) NNNN</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—electronic communication address, text [X(250)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—electronic communication medium, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—electronic communication usage, code N</a>	Mandatory	1
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-	<a href="#">Person (address)—international postcode, text X[X(9)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—lot/section identifier, N[X(14)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—non-Australian state/province, text [X(40)]</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Person (address)—postal delivery point identifier, {N(8)}</a>	Mandatory	1

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