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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Identifier usage |
| METEOR identifier: | 519499 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016 |
| Definition: | An identifier that indicates the way this identifier is to be used, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Identifier—identifier usage](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/519482) |
| Value Domain: | [Identifier usage code NNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/519478) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | NNN | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 100 | Unique identifier for an entity |
|  | 110 | Individual healthcare identifier (IHI) |
|  | 112 | Healthcare provider identifier—individual (HPI-I) |
|  | 113 | Healthcare provider identifier—organisation (HPI-O) |
|  | 114 | Virtual smart card identifier (Cryptographic service provider) |
|  | 120 | Family identifier |
|  | 200 | Billing identifier |
|  | 300 | Business or individual taxation or social security identifier |
|  | 400 | Special service identifier |
|  | 401 | Accreditation |
|  | 410 | Laboratory services |
|  | 420 | Radiology services |
|  | 480 | Other diagnostic services |
|  | 500 | Individual provider identifier—other than the HPI-I |
|  | 600 | Organisational provider identifier—other than the HPI-O |
|  | 700 | Professional registration identifier |
|  | 800 | Other |
| Supplementary values: | 999 | Not stated/inadequately described |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Reference documents: | Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia. |

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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This data element indicates the situation in which an identifier is used, as an issuer may allocate multiple identifiers to a single entity for different purposes.  This data element supports generic functionality to enable the use of the right number for the right purpose. For example, to use the hospital unit record number for local reporting, the Individual Healthcare Identifier when reporting to Medicare Australia or the insurance number when reporting to the insurance company.  CODE 100   Unique identifier for an entity  When the issuer has only 1 identifier used to identify an entity, that number should be recorded as the unique identifier for the entity.  CODE 401   Accreditation  The issuing organisation number will indicate the accreditation type.  CODE 500   Individual provider identifier—other than the HPI-I  This code should be used where the identifier is an individual provider identifier that is not code 112.  CODE 600  Organisational provider identifier—other than the HPI-O  This code should be used where the identifier is an organisational provider identifier that is not code 113.  CODE 700 Professional registration identifier  This code is issued by a professional registration body and provides information on the professional’s registration. |
| Comments: | The Australian Standard for Person and provider identification in healthcare (AS 4846:2014) outlines the following principles of identifiers in healthcare:  Principle A: Identifiers shall be unique to a purpose and often to a person or organisation, although family group identifiers exist and are unique to the family.  Principle B: Identifiers shall not be recycled or reused.  Principle C: Each person or organisation should have a single active identifier from a given issuer for a specific usage at any given point in time.  The combination of 3 identifier data elements—[Identifier—identifier designation, text X[X(19)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612730), [Identifier—identifier issuer, text X[X(199)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612705) and Identifier usage—uniquely identify an entity for a specific purpose, and is known as a globally unique identifier. |
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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Identifier—identifier designation, text X[X(19)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612730)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  See also [Identifier—identifier issuer, text X[X(199)]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/612705)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  See also [Identifier—identifier usage end date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/520717)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  See also [Identifier—identifier usage start date, DDMMYYYY](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/520708)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Healthcare provider organisation cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/529509)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  [Identification in healthcare cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/611321)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016  [Individual name cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/528153)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 05/10/2016 |