

Identifier—identifier usage, code NNN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Identifier usage
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Definition:	An identifier that indicates the way this identifier is to be used, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Identifier—identifier usage

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	NNN
Maximum character length:	3
Permissible values:	

Value	Meaning
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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:	
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Value	Meaning
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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.

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\(19\)\]](#), [Identifier—identifier issuer, text X\[X\(199\)\]](#) 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\(19\)\]](#)

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

See also [Identifier—identifier issuer, text X\[X\(199\)\]](#)

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

See also [Identifier—identifier usage end date, DDMMYYYY](#)

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

See also [Identifier—identifier usage start date, DDMMYYYY](#)

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

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Healthcare provider organisation clusterHealth](#), Standard 05/10/2016

[Identification in healthcare clusterHealth](#), Standard 05/10/2016

[Individual name clusterHealth](#), Standard 05/10/2016