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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Medicare Local peer group |
| METEOR identifier: | 550733 |
| Registration status: | [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Definition: | A unique identifier for a  [**Medicare Local peer group**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/550708), as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Administrative health region—Medicare Local peer group](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/550731) |
| Value Domain: | [Medicare Local peer group code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/583639) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Metro 1 |
|  | 2 | Metro 2 |
|  | 3 | Metro 3 |
|  | 4 | Regional 1 |
|  | 5 | Regional 2 |
|  | 6 | Rural 1 |
|  | 7 | Rural 2 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Code 1     Metro 1  High urban density, higher socioeconomic status.  Code 2     Metro 2  Medium urban density, medium socioeconomic status.  Code 3     Metro 3  Low urban density, lower socioeconomic status.  Code 4     Regional 1  Outer urban areas, middle socioeconomic status.  Code 5     Regional 2  Mostly non-metro urban and regional areas, middle socioeconomic status.  Code 6     Rural 1  Distant from metro cities, with diverse socioeconomic status.  Code 7     Rural 2  Mostly large remote areas, middle or lower socioeconomic status. |



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| Comments: | Local Medicare Local peer groups are the grouping of the 61 Medicare Locals into seven peer groups. This grouping was undertaken by the National Health Performance Authority using statistical cluster analysis of 2006 Census based socioeconomic status, for each Medicare Local and 2006 Census based Remoteness Area categories (ABS cat. no. 2039.0). Additional information on the average distance to the closest large city and major hospital (A1 public hospital peer group classification, 2010–11) contributed to the assignment of Medicare Locals to peer groups. Groupings were tested for face validity with a stakeholder group. The National Health Performance Authority has created 7 peer groups: Metro 1 to 3, Regional 1 and 2 and Rural 1 and 2. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Infant and young child mortality rate, 2010–2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/577612)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  See also [National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Infant mortality rate, 2010–2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/583497)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  See also [National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Percentage of live singleton births that were of low birthweight, 2007–2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/578021)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  See also [National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Percentage of women who gave birth and had at least one antenatal visit in the first trimester, 2010–2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/583479)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  See also [National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Percentage of women who gave birth and smoked during pregnancy, 2007–2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/583506)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Disaggregation** [National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Infant and young child mortality rate, 2010–2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/577612)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  [National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Infant mortality rate, 2010–2012](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/583497)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  [National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Percentage of live singleton births that were of low birthweight, 2007–2011](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/578021)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  [National Health Performance Authority Healthy Communities: Percentage of women who gave birth 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