

# Person—Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) benefit for specialist service, total Australian currency N[N(8)]

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) benefit for specialist service
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	556892
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">National Health Performance Authority (retired)</a>, Retired 01/07/2016</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The total Medicare benefit a person is entitled to for a specialist service, expressed in dollars.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) benefit for specialist service</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total
<b>Data type:</b>	Currency
<b>Format:</b>	N[N(8)]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	9
<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Australian currency (AU\$)

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

Specialist attendances are Medicare benefit funded referred patient/doctor encounters, such as visits, consultations and attendances (including video conferencing), involving medical practitioners who have been recognised as specialists or consultant physicians for Medicare benefits purposes. They are non-hospital attendances.

Specialist attendances comprise all items in Broad Type of Services Group 'C', as published in official MBS statistics by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health.

Rates directly age-standardised to the 2001 Australian population.

Total services (attendances/visits – source MBS claims data).

Total Estimated Resident Population (ERP) as supplied by ABS.

**Source and reference attributes**

**Submitting organisation:** National Health Performance Authority

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