

Pharmacy—pharmacy identifier, identifier XXNNNA

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Pharmacy identifier
Synonymous names:	Pharmacy ID; Supplying pharmacy ID
METEOR identifier:	600674
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Health, Standard 17/12/2015
Definition:	A sequence of alphanumeric, numeric and alphabetic characters which uniquely identify a pharmacy.
Data Element Concept:	Pharmacy—pharmacy identifier

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	String
Format:	XXNNNA
Maximum character length:	6

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The alphanumeric characters at the start of this data element are used to identify hospital pharmacies (via an 'H' as the first alphanumeric character) and dispensing doctors (via a 'D' as the first alphanumeric character).

In the case of hospital pharmacies, the second alphanumeric character is intended to be indicative of the state/territory in which the hospital is located.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14 Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

Variable name = PHCY_ID

In the context of PBS data, this data element describes the approval number of the pharmacy that claimed for the supply of the PBS item and is referred to within the PBS system as 'Supplying pharmacy ID'.

The sixth character is an alphabetic check digit.

This data element can be used to identify individual pharmacies and may, in some use cases, need to be suppressed or de-identified.