Person—Medicare personal identifier number, N(9)

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Medicare personal identifier number |
| Synonymous names: | Medicare PIN |
| METEOR identifier: | 601562 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | A unique numeric identifier issued for use in identifying a person who has accessed a Medicare claimable service event. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—Medicare personal identifier number](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601560) |
| Value Domain: | [Identifier N(9)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/713830) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Identifier | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | N(9) | |
| Maximum character length: | 9 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | The Medicare PIN is system generated. The PIN allocated to a person at initial enrolment stays with that person throughout their existence in Medicare even if the person is supplied with different card numbers. A person can only be shown on two Medicare cards at one time and where a third card is required, a separate PIN is allocated (for example, a child shown on separate cards held by the parents and needs to be included on a carer's card).  It is anticipated that at some stage there will be a unique identifier for a consumer across programs (e.g. Medicare, PBS, etc). However, this is currently not the case. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| Relational attributes | |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) state/territory data extract 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603356)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014 ***DSS specific information:***  Variable name = PIN |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator** [Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 1.1-Annual health assessments, 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/657009)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 17/08/2017  [Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 2.1-Cardiac-related diagnostic tests, 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/657011)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 17/08/2017  [Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 4.2-Chronic disease management, 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/657056)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 17/08/2017  [Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat colonoscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/726354)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021  [Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat gastroscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/726349)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021  **Used as Denominator** [Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 4.2-Chronic disease management, 2016](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/657056)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 17/08/2017 |