

Person—Medicare personal identifier number, N(9)

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Medicare personal identifier number
Synonymous names:	Medicare PIN
METEOR identifier:	601562
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Health, Standard 14/10/2015
Definition:	A unique numeric identifier issued for use in identifying a person who has accessed a Medicare claimable service event.

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	String
Format:	N(9)
Maximum character length:	9

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Comments:	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health
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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Medicare Benefits Schedule \(MBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14 Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

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, 2016Health](#), Standard 17/08/2017

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 2.1-Cardiac-related diagnostic tests, 2016Health](#), Standard 17/08/2017

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 4.2-Chronic disease management, 2016Health](#), Standard 17/08/2017

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat colonoscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 27/04/2021

[Number of MBS-subsidised services for repeat gastroscopy per 100,000 people of all ages, 2018-19 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 27/04/2021

Used as Denominator

[Indigenous Better Cardiac Care measure: 4.2-Chronic disease management, 2016Health](#), Standard 17/08/2017