

Person—General Practitioner attendance indicator, yes/no code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	General Practitioner attendance indicator
METEOR identifier:	603651
Registration status:	National Health Performance Authority (retired) , Retired 01/07/2016
Definition:	<p>An indicator of whether a person has had a GP attendance, as represented by a code.</p> <p>A GP attendance is a non-referred Medicare benefits-funded patient/doctor encounter and excludes services provided by practice nurses and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners on behalf of medical practitioners.</p>
Data Element Concept:	Person—General Practitioner attendance indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Boolean	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Yes

A person has received a Medicare-funded GP attendance.

CODE 2 No

A person has not received a Medicare-funded GP attendance.

In terms of Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) structure, GP attendances comprise all items in:

- Group A1 – general practitioner attendances to which no other item applies
- Group A2 – other non-referred attendances to which no other item applies
- Group A5 – prolonged attendances to which no other item applies
- Group A6 – group therapy
- Group A7 – acupuncture
- Group A11 – urgent attendances after hours
- Group A14 – health assessments
- Group A15, subgroup 1 – GP management plans, team care arrangements and multidisciplinary care plans
- Group A15, subgroup 2, items 735–758 – multidisciplinary case conference – medical practitioner (other than a specialist or consultant physician)
- Group A17 – domiciliary and residential management reviews
- Group A18 – general practitioner attendances associated with PIP incentive payments
- Group A19 – other non-referred attendances associated with PIP incentive payments to which no other item applies
- Group A20 – general practitioner mental health treatment
- Group A22 – general practitioner after hours attendances to which no other item applies
- Group A23 – other non-referred after hours attendances to which no other item applies
- Group A27 – pregnancy support counselling
- Group A30 – medical practitioner telehealth attendances

In terms of 'Broad Type of Service' Groups, GP attendances comprise all items in Broad Type of Services Groups 'A' – GP/VRGP non-referred attendances, 'M' – Non-referred Enhanced Primary Care and 'B' – Non-referred other attendances as published in quarterly and annual MBS statistics by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Person—General Practitioner MBS health assessment indicator, yes/no code N](#)
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

Implementation in Indicators:**Used as Numerator**

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Frequent GP attenders, 2012–13](#)
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities: Very high GP attenders, 2012–13](#)
[National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016