Service/care provider—Medicare referring provider identifier, NNNNNN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Medicare referring provider identifier |
| Synonymous names: | Requesting provider number; Referring provider number; Requesting provider stem |
| METEOR identifier: | 603936 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | A unique numeric identifier for a  [**Medicare service provider**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/608802) who requested further care, services or treatment. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Service/care provider—Medicare referring provider identifier](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603934) |
| Value Domain: | [Identifier NNNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/315100) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Identifier | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | NNNNNN | |
| Maximum character length: | 6 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | It is possible for a provider to have more than one provider number.  The stem is combined with the provider's location identifier to distinguish different locations. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Service/care provider—Medicare referring provider practice location identifier, X](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/604060)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023  See also [Service/care provider—Medicare service provider identifier, NNNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601809)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| 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 = RPR\_DMSLVL1 |