

# Service/care provider—Medicare referring provider identifier, NNNNNN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Medicare referring provider identifier
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Requesting provider number; Referring provider number; Requesting provider stem
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	603936
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a>, Standard 14/10/2015</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	A unique numeric identifier for a <a href="#">Medicare service provider</a> who requested further care, services or treatment.

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Identifier
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	NNNNNN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	6

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	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.
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Department of Health
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## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	See also <a href="#">Service/care provider—Medicare referring provider practice location identifier, X</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a>, Standard 14/10/2015</li></ul> See also <a href="#">Service/care provider—Medicare service provider identifier, NNNNNN</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a>, Standard 14/10/2015</li></ul>
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**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

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

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