

# Service/care provider— Medicare referring provider practice location identifier, X

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Medicare referring provider practice location identifier
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Requesting provider location
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	604060
<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 alphanumeric identifier for the practice site of the <a href="#">Medicare service provider</a> who requested further care, services or treatment.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Service/care provider—Medicare referring provider practice location identifier</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Identifier
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	X
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

## Source and reference attributes

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

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

This field is alphanumeric (excluding I, O S, Z and 0 (zero)).

Providers who practice at several locations have more than one practice location identifier. Not all locations may be current for the provider but this information is retained. The values in themselves are meaningless except to designate a different location. The practice location identifier must be concatenated after the provider's stem to form the full seven-digit provider number.

The maximum number of provider locations that can be associated with a provider stem number is 31. Providers with more than 31 locations will be given an additional provider stem.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Service/care provider—Medicare referring provider identifier. NNNNNN](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

**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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*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

Variable name = RPRPRAC

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