

Medicare provider stem number

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Glossary Item

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

Definition: A stem number is the unique identifier for a Medicare provider and is up to six numeric characters in length.

Added to this stem number is a single digit alphanumeric character which denotes the practice location, followed by an alpha character which is a check character.

From a technical perspective and for data storage purposes, the provider six digit stem number is often referred to as the provider identifier.

Source and reference attributes

Steward: Department of Health

Relational attributes

Metadata items which use this glossary item: [Service event—Medicare diagnostic imaging multiple services rule, code A](#)

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