

Medicare provider stem number

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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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 and Aged Care](#)

Relational attributes

Metadata items which use this glossary item: [Medicare diagnostic imaging multiple services rule](#)
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 23/06/2015

[Service event—Medicare diagnostic imaging multiple services rule](#)
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