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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Medicare provider geographic remoteness
METEOR identifier:	610737
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	The remoteness area classification of a Medicare service provider, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Service/care provider—geographic remoteness
Value Domain:	Medicare remoteness classification (ASGS-RA) N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Major cities of Australia
	2	Regional Australia
	3	Remote Australia

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	This value domain is intended exclusively for use when analysing data relating to Medicare statistics. The remoteness area classification is based on the physical road distance to the nearest urban centre and its population size. CODE 1 Major cities of Australia 'Major cities of Australia' includes Statistical Area Level 1s (SA1s) with an average Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA+) index value of 0 to 0.2. CODE 2 Regional Australia This includes both Inner and Outer regional areas. 'Inner regional Australia' includes SA1s with an average ARIA+ index value greater than 0.2 and less than or equal to 2.4. 'Outer regional Australia' includes SA1s with an average ARIA+ index value greater than 2.4 and less than or equal to 5.92. CODE 3 Remote Australia This includes both Remote and Very remote areas. 'Remote Australia' includes SA1s with an average ARIA+ index value greater than 5.92 and less than or equal to 10.53. 'Very remote Australia' includes SA1s with an average ARIA+ index value greater than 10.53.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health
Origin:	Information relating to remoteness and other aspects of statistical geography is available from the Statistical Geography portal on the ABS website: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011. ABS Geography. Viewed 19 November 2013, http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/Geography

Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:	Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) state/territory data extract 2013-14 Commonwealth Department of Health, Retired 19/10/2023 Implementation start date: 01/07/2013 Implementation end date: 30/06/2014 DSS specific information:
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