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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

Regional AustraliaRemote 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.

## 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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**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

Relational attributes

**Specifications:** 

Implementation in Data Set Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) state/territory data extract 2013-14

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DSS specific information:

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This item represents the Medicare servicing provider's geographic remoteness.

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