

# Service/care provider—geographic remoteness, Medicare remoteness classification (ASGS-RA) N

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Medicare provider geographic remoteness
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	610737
<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>	The remoteness area classification of a Medicare service provider, as represented by a code.

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2011</a>								
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code								
<b>Data type:</b>	Number								
<b>Format:</b>	N								
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1								
<b>Permissible values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Major cities of Australia</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Regional Australia</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Remote Australia</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	1	Major cities of Australia	2	Regional Australia	3	Remote Australia
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## 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>

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**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

### Relational attributes

**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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