

Identifier—identifier issuer, text X[X(199)]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Identifier issuer
METEOR identifier:	612705
Registration status:	Health , Standard 05/10/2016
Definition:	The organisation or individual provider that allocates an identifier which is used to uniquely identify an entity, as represented by text.
Data Element Concept:	Identifier—identifier issuer
Value Domain:	Text X[X(199)]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Text
Data type:	String
Format:	X[X(199)]
Maximum character length:	200

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	An identifier issuer may include an association, organisation or government agency, for example the Australian Taxation Office, Centrelink, National Australia Bank and Medicare Australia.
Comments:	<p>The Australian Standard for Person and provider identification in healthcare (AS 4846:2014) outlines the following principles of identifiers in health care:</p> <p>Principle A: Identifiers shall be unique to a purpose and often to a person or organisation, although family group identifiers exist and are unique to the family.</p> <p>Principle B: Identifiers shall not be recycled or reused.</p> <p>Principle C: Each person or organisation should have a single active identifier from a given issuer for a specific usage at any given point in time.</p> <p>The combination of 3 identifier data elements—Identifier—identifier designation, text X[X(19)], Identifier issuer and Identifier—identifier usage, code NNN—uniquely identify an entity for a specific purpose, known as a globally unique identifier.</p>

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Reference documents:	Standards Australia 2014. AS 4846:2014 Person and provider identification in healthcare. Sydney: Standards Australia.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

See also [Identifier—identifier designation, text X\[X\(19\)\]](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

See also [Identifier—identifier usage, code NNN](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Healthcare provider organisation cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

[Identification in healthcare cluster](#)
[Health](#), Standard 05/10/2016

DSS specific information:

When used to record information associated with a person or provider in healthcare, the identifier should be a valid unique Healthcare Provider Identifier, and will usually be the identifier of a healthcare organisation. Examples include the following:

- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency issuing profession number for individuals.
- Healthcare Identifiers Service issuing Individual Healthcare Identifiers (IHI), Healthcare Provider Identifiers–Individual (HPI-I) and Healthcare Provider Identifiers–Organisation (HPI-O).
- Electronic identifier (sometimes called a device) including the Australian Business Number of the insurance company and the HPI-O of the hospital.
- Medicare Australia, issuing Medicare Provider Numbers.