
Telephone number

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: Int. NCSDD & NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 002027 Version number: 2
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NCSIMG & NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: Person or organisation contact telephone number.
Context: Concerned with the use of person identification data. For organisations that create, use or maintain records on people. Organisations should use this standard, where appropriate, for collecting data when registering people. The positive and unique identification of people is a critical event in service delivery, with direct implications for the safety and quality of care delivered by health and community services.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphanumeric
Representational form: TEXT
Representation layout: A(40)
Minimum Size: 0
Maximum Size: 40
Data Domain: NOVAL Numbers and spaces only.
Guide For Use: More than one phone number may be recorded as required. Each phone number should have an appropriate 'Telephone number type' code assigned.
Record the full phone number (including any prefixes) with no punctuation (hyphens or brackets).
Verification Rules: Numbers and spaces only.
Collection Methods: Prefix plus telephone number:
Record the prefix plus telephone number. The default should be the local prefix with an ability to overtype with a different prefix.
For example, 08 8226 6000 or 0417 123456.

Punctuation:
Do not record punctuation.
For example, (08) 8226 6000 or 08-8226 6000 would not be correct.
Unknown:
Leave the field blank.

Related metadata: supersedes the NHDD data element Telephone number version 1
is qualified by NHDD Telephone number type version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Standards Australia 2002. Australian Standard AS5017-2002 Health
Care Client Identification. Sydney: Standards Australia
Source Organisation: Standards Australia
National Health Data Committee and National Community
Services Data Committee

Comment: This metadata item is common to both the National Community
Services Data Dictionary and the National Health Data Dictionary.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NCSIM Address

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

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