

Provincial/Territorial Provider Number Specifications

Provider Number (Discharge Abstract Database [DAD] Group 09 Field 02; National Ambulatory Care Reporting System [NACRS] data element 42) is the identification number associated with the professional responsible for providing services during the patient's stay in the health care facility.

This table contains a summary of provider ID information for analytical use from jurisdictions submitting data to the DAD and NACRS. Refer to the DAD and NACRS abstracting manuals for additional reporting requirements.

Province/territory	Source	Format	Unique	Last updated
N.L.	Assigned by the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information	4 digits (5 once 9999 is reached)	Yes	October 2021
P.E.I.	Physician billing numbers	5 digits	Yes	October 2021
N.S.	Assigned by the College of Physicians and Surgeons	6 digits	Yes	October 2021
N.B.	Physician billing numbers	5 digits	Yes	October 2021
Ont.	Assigned by reporting facilities	Varies depending on facility	No	October 2021
Man.	Physician billing numbers	4 alphanumeric characters	Yes	April 2023
Sask.	Physician billing numbers for some; assigned by reporting facilities for others	Varies depending on facility	No	October 2021
Alta.	Assigned by reporting facilities	15 alphanumeric characters	No	October 2021
B.C.	Physician billing numbers	5 alphanumeric characters	Yes	April 2022
Y.T.	Assigned by Whitehorse General Hospital for each provider in all 3 Yukon facilities	3 digits	Yes	October 2021
N.W.T.	Assigned by reporting facilities	Varies depending on facility	No	October 2021
Nun.	Assigned by the only facility in Nunavut	3 digits	Yes	October 2021

Note

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