615 SUBJECT CATEGORY [PROVISIONAL]

Field Definition and Scope

This field contains a higher level subject category in coded and/or textual form.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
615	SUBJECT CATEGORY [PROVISIONAL]	R	O
a	Subject Category Entry Element Text	NR	O
x	Subject Category Subdivision Text	R	O
n	Subject Category Code	R	O
m	Subject Category Subdivision Code	R	O
2	Source	NR	O
3	Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number	R	O

Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1	#	blank (not defined)
2	#	blank (not defined)

Subfields Description

$a Subject Category Entry Element Text

The term in the form prescribed by the system of subject categories used (EX 3, 4). Not repeatable.

$x Subject Category Subdivision Text

The term added to the subject category to specify a particular aspect of the subject category in the $a subfield. Repeatable.

$n Subject Category Code

A coded representation of a subject category (EX 1, 2). Repeatable.

$m Subject Category Subdivision Code

A coded representation of a subject category subdivision (EX 2). Repeatable.

$2 Source

An identification in coded form of the system from which the subject access point is derived. It is recommended that subfield $2 always be present in each occurrence of the field. For a list of subject sources, see Appendix A. Not repeatable.

$3 Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number

The identifier for the authority record for the category. Repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

This field may contain data entered according to the provisions of the system of subject categories used. It may contain the category in textual form, coded form, or both forms.

Examples

EX 1
615 ##$nK800$2agris

EX 2
615 ##$nZ1$m.542.248.797$2mesh
The MeSH notational equivalent of the subject access point for Slovakia. The textual medical subject access points are held in fields 600-607.
EX 3
615 ##$aFuture$2liv

History

1994	New field.
2024	Text edit.