Beneficiary Identification Codes

The Medicare number is followed by an identifying suffix. When a claim is submitted to the Medicare Intermediary or Carrier, the Medicare number must include the identity suffix for the system to recognize the Medicare number. The suffix identifies whose social security record entitles the beneficiary to Medicare benefits.

A: Wage earner

B: Wife drawing on a husband's record

B1: Husband drawing on a wife's record

B2: Wife drawing benefits under age 62

B3: Second wife

B4: Second husband

B5: Second wife under age 62

B6: Divorced wife

B7: Third wife under age 62

B8: Third wife

B9: Second divorced wife

BA: Fourth wife

BD: Fifth wife

BG: Third husband

BH: Fourth husband

BJ: Fifth husband

BK: Fourth wife under age 62

BL: Fifth wife under age 62

BN: Third divorced wife

BP: Fourth divorced wife

BQ: Fifth divorced husband

BR: Divorced husband

BT: Second divorced husband

BW: Husband drawing father's benefits

BY: Second husband drawing father's

benefits

C1: Youngest disabled child

C2 - C9: Disabled child, number denotes which child

CA: Tenth disabled child; CB - eleventh, etc.

D: Wife drawing on a deceased husband's record

D1: Husband drawing on a deceased wife's record

D2: Second widow

D3: Second widower

D4: Widow remarried

D5: Widower remarried

D6: Surviving divorced wife

D7: Second surviving divorced wife

D8: Third widow

D9: Second wife remarried

DA: Third remarried widow

DC: Surviving divorced husband

DD: Fourth widow

DG: Fifth widow

DH: Third widower

DJ: Fourth widower

DK: Fifth widower

DL: Fourth remarried widow

DM: Second surviving divorced husband

DN: Fifth remarried widow

DP: Second remarried widow

DO: Third remarried widower



DR: Fourth remarried widower

DS: Third surviving divorced husband

DT: Fifth remarried widower

DV: Third surviving divorced husband

DW: Fourth surviving divorced wife

DX: Fourth surviving divorced husband

DY: Fifth surviving divorced wife

DZ: Fifth surviving divorced husband

E: Mother (widow)

E1: Surviving widowed mother

E2: Second widowed mother

E3: Second surviving divorced mother

E4: Widowed father

E5: Surviving divorced father

E6: Second widowed father

E7: Third widowed mother

E8: Fourth widowed mother

E9: Second surviving divorced father

EA: Fifth widowed mother

EB: Third surviving divorced mother

EC: Fourth surviving divorced mother

ED: Fifth surviving divorced mother

EF: Third widowed father

EG: Fourth widowed father

EH: Fifth widowed father

EJ: Third surviving divorced father

EK: Fourth surviving divorced father

EM: Fifth surviving divorced father

F1: Father

F2: Mother

F3: Stepfather

F4: Stepmother

F5: Adopting father

F6: Adopting mother

F7: Second alleged father

F8: Second alleged mother

J1 - J4: At age 72, the benefits under T suffix becomes eligible for special benefits; the suffix becomes J1 - J4

K1 - KM: Wife of J1 - J4

M: SMI entitlement only

M1: SMI entitlement only - refused Part A

T: Drawing no Social Security Benefits

W: Disabled widow

W1: Disabled widower

W2: Second disabled widow

W3: Second disabled widower

W4: Third disabled widow

W5: Third disabled widower

W6: Diabled surviving divorced wife

WR: Disabled surviving divorced husband

WT: Second disabled surviving divorced husband

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