

# 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

**DQ:** Third remarried widower



