

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 identify 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		DR	Fourth remarried widower
B	Wife drawing on a husband's record		DS	Third surviving divorced husband
B1	Husband drawing on a wife's record		DT	Fifth remarried widower
B2	Wife drawing benefits under age 62		DV	Third surviving divorced husband
B3	Second wife		DW	Fourth surviving divorced wife
B4	Second husband		DX	Fourth surviving divorced husband
B5	Second wife under age 62		DY	Fifth surviving divorced wife
B6	Divorced wife		DZ	Fifth surviving divorced husband
B7	Third wife under age 62		E	Mother (widow)
B8	Third wife		E1	Surviving widowed mother
B9	Second divorced wife		E2	Second widowed mother
BA	Fourth wife		E3	Second surviving divorced mother
BD	Fifth wife		E4	Widowed father
BG	Third husband		E5	Surviving divorced father
BH	Fourth husband		E6	Second widowed father
BJ	Fifth husband		E7	Third widowed mother
BK	Fourth wife under age 62		E8	Fourth widowed mother
BL	Fifth wife under age 62		E9	Second surviving divorced father
BN	Third divorced wife		EA	Fifth widowed mother
BP	Fourth divorced wife		EB	Third surviving divorced mother
BQ	Fifth divorced husband		EC	Fourth surviving divorced mother
BR	Divorced husband		ED	Fifth surviving divorced mother
BT	Second divorced husband		EF	Third widowed father
BW	Husband drawing father's benefits		EG	Fourth widowed father
BY	Second husband drawing father's benefits		EH	Fifth widowed father
C1	Youngest disabled child		EJ	Third surviving divorced father
C2 – C9	Disabled child, number denotes which child		EK	Fourth surviving divorced father
CA	Tenth disabled child, CB-eleventh, etc.		EM	Fifth surviving divorced father
D	Wife drawing on a deceased husband's record		F1	Father
D1	Husband drawing on a deceased wife's record		F2	Mother
D2	Second widow		F3	Stepfather
D3	Second widower		F4	Stepmother
D4	Widow remarried		F5	Adopting Father
D5	Widower remarried		F6	Adopting Mother
D6	Surviving divorced wife		F7	Second alleged father
D7	Second surviving divorced wife		F8	Second alleged father
D8	Third widow		J1 – J4	At age 72, the beneficiary under T suffix becomes eligible for special benefits, the suffix becomes J1-J4.
D9	Second wife remarried		K1-KM	Wife of J1-J4
DA	Third remarried widow		M	SMI entitlement only
DC	Surviving divorced husband		M1	SMI entitlement only – refused Part A
DD	Fourth widow		T	Drawing no Social Security Benefits
DG	Fifth Widow		W	Disabled Widow
DH	Third widower		W1	Disabled Widower
DJ	Fourth widower		W2	Second disabled widow
DK	Fifth widower		W3	Second disabled widower
DL	Fourth remarried widow		W4	Third disabled widow
DM	Second surviving divorced husband		W5	Third disabled widower
DN	Fifth remarried widow		W6	Disabled surviving divorced wife
DP	Second remarried widower		WR	Disabled surviving divorced husband
DQ	Third remarried widower		WT	Second disabled surviving divorced husband