

MEDICARE HIC NUMBER SUFFIXES

Effective for cards issued in or after September 1990, HCFA is revising the appearance and composition of Medicare Cards.

The new cards are plastic, not paper. The new cards will show "Part A" immediately following "Hospital" and "Part B" immediately following "Medical". Beginning in spring, 1991, the word "Medicare" is added in two places on the front of the card. Paper Medicare cards issued before the changeover to the new cards are still valid.

<u>SUFFIX</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	Retired worker over 65 or disabled worker
B	Wife (over 65) of retired or disabled worker
B1	Husband of retired or disabled worker
B2	Wife whose entitlement is dependent on the care of a child
B3	Second wife
B4	Second husband
B5	Second wife (entitlement dependent on a child)
B6	Ex-wife (entitlement dependent on a child)
B7	Third wife (entitlement dependent on a child)
B8	Third wife
B9	Third husband
C	Child (including a disabled child or a student). Suffixes assigned by age, i.e.:
C1	Youngest Child
C2	Next youngest child
C?	Etc.
D	Widow

D1	Widower
D2	Second Widow
D3	Second Widower
D4	Widow who remarried after age 60
D5	Widower who remarried after age 62
D6	Surviving ex-wife
D7	Second surviving ex-wife
E	Widowed mother
E1	Mother (ex-wife) who survives the retired worker
E2	Second widowed mother
E3	Second mother (ex-wife) who survives the retired worker
F	Parent category (the F suffix is never used alone) for aged dependents
F1	Father
F2	Mother
F3	Stepfather
F4	Stepmother
F5	Adoptive father
F6	Adoptive mother
F7	Second "alleged" father
F8	Second "alleged" mother
J & K	Special beneficiaries whose entitlement depends on the quarters of employment that they have under social security.
J1, J2, K1, K2	Entitled to Part A.

J3, J4, K3, K4	Not entitled to Part A, may purchase Part A.
M	An individual enrolled in Part B who is not entitled to retirement and survivor's or Railroad Retirement insurance and is not eligible for Part A but may purchase Part A coverage.
M1	An individual enrolled in Part B who meets the requirements for Part A but has not applied.
T	An individual entitled to Part A benefits but not to retirement and survivor's or Railroad Retirement insurance or who is entitled to Medicare based on chronic renal disease. It applies whether or not the beneficiary elects to receive Part B.
W	Disabled widow
W1	Disabled widower
W2	Second disabled widow
W3	Second disabled widower
W6	Disabled surviving ex-wife
W7	Second disabled surviving ex-wife

RAILROAD RETIREMENT PREFIXES

<u>PREFIX</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	Retired railroad worker (Annuitant)
H	Retired worker on a pension
JA	Survivor "Joint Annuitant": an employee who is receiving a reduced annuity in order to guarantee payment to his widow.
MA	Spouse of Annuitant
MH	Spouse of Pensioner
PA	Parent of deceased Annuitant
PD	Parent of deceased Employee
PH	Parent of deceased Pensioner
WA	Widow or widower (of an Annuitant) who is 60 or over
WCA	Widow with a child in her care or a child alone.
WD	Widow or widower (of an employee) who is 60 or over
WCD	Widow (of an employee) with a child in her care or a child alone.
WH	Widow or widower of a pensioner
WCH	Widow (of a pensioner) with a child in her care or a child alone.