

Medicare Suffixes

Here's what the letters behind the Medicare number mean:

A* = retired worker

B = wife of retired worker

B1 = husband of retired worker

B6 = divorced wife

B9 = divorced second wife

C = child of retired or deceased worker; numbers after C denote order of children claiming benefit

D = widow

D1 = widower

D6 = surviving divorced wife

E = mother of a child of a deceased worker

E1 = divorced mother of a child of a deceased worker

F1 = aged dependent father

F2 = aged dependent mother

HA* = disabled worker

HB = wife of disabled worker

HC = child of disabled worker

J1* = special "over 72" benefit, has A and B

K1 = wife of "over 72" benefit, has A and B

M* = has Part B Medicare only, no SSA benefit

T* = has A and B Medicare, no SSA benefit

W = disabled widow

WA = railroad retirement

*denotes the recipient's own social security number.