

Alert - New Medicare Cards, New Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI)

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Please print off this easy to read format for the new Medicare Cards. The new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) format is different than the previous number format. Please see www.cms.gov for additional information.

New Medicare Card: Use the MBI in the same manner as the HICN.

Use the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) the same way you use the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) today. Put the MBI in the same field where you have always put the HICN. This also applies to reporting informational only and no-pay claims. Do not use hyphens or spaces for hyphens with the MBI to avoid rejection of your claim.

How will the MBI look on the new card?

The MBI will contain letters and numbers:
An example: 1EG4-TE5-MK73

How will the MBI fit on forms?

MBIs will fit on forms the same way HICNs do. **You don't need spaces for dashes. The dashes aren't used as part of the MBI.** They won't be entered into computer systems or used in file formats.

MBI Format on the new card:

The MBI's 2nd, 5th, 8th, and 9th characters will always be a letter. *(excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)*

Characters 1, 4, 7, 10, and 11 will always be a number.

The 3rd and 6th characters will be a letter or a number.

MBI format: Where will the MBI's characters go?

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Type	C	A	AN	N	A	AN	N	A	A	N	N

Type:

C – Numeric 1 thru 9

A – Alphabetic Character (A...Z); (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)

AN – Either A or N (*alpha or numeric*)

N – Numeric 0 thru 9

Position:

Position 1 – numeric values 1 thru 9

Position 2 – alphabetic values A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)

Position 3 – alpha-numeric values 0 thru 9 and A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)

Position 4 – numeric values 0 thru 9

Position 5 – alphabetic values A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)

Position 6 – alpha-numeric values 0 thru 9 and A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)

Position 7 – numeric values 0 thru 9

Position 8 – alphabetic values A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)

Position 9 – alphabetic values A thru Z (excluding S, L, O, I, B, Z)

Position 10 – numeric values 0 thru 9

Position 11 – numeric values 0 thru 9

Provider Action:

If you have any questions, please call the Infinedi Customer Service department at 800-688-8087.