

Billing Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses for Travelers or Snowbirds

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Traveling/Snowbird Beneficiary

When a claim is filed with Medicare, the beneficiary's permanent address on file with the Social Security Administration (SSA) determines which Medicare jurisdiction should be billed. This address should be entered in **Item 5 of the CMS-1500 Claim Form**. This can always be found on the **Noridian Medicare Portal (NMP)** by selecting the **Eligibility** tab, then select **Beneficiary Address**.

- **Patient's Address and Telephone Number**

This is a required field and must be filled in completely.

- o Enter the **patient's permanent mailing address as listed with Social Security Administration** and telephone number.
- o On the first line, enter the street address; on the second line, the city and state; and on the third line, the ZIP code and telephone number.

Example Checking Eligibility for Permanent Address:

- ⇒ Beneficiary was provided a walker in Jurisdiction D after a fall
- ⇒ Supplier checks Noridian Medicare Portal (NMP) for eligibility
- ⇒ The NMP shows beneficiary's permanent address on file with SSA is Jurisdiction A
- ⇒ Supplier will bill Jurisdiction A by adding the permanent address listed with SSA to Item 5 of the CMS-1500 claim form
- ⇒ Fee schedule is based on beneficiary's permanent state of residence with SSA

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Example Sending Supplies to Traveling Beneficiary:

- ⇒ Beneficiary originally set up in Jurisdiction A for DME supplies
- ⇒ Beneficiary temporarily resides in or visits Jurisdiction D part time
- ⇒ Supplier checks [Noridian Medicare Portal \(NMP\)](#) for eligibility
- ⇒ The NMP shows beneficiary's permanent address on file with SSA is still Jurisdiction A
- ⇒ Supplier from Jurisdiction A sends supplies to beneficiary residing temporarily in Jurisdiction D
- ⇒ Supplier will bill claims in Jurisdiction A based on beneficiary's permanent address listed with SSA

Billing always follows the beneficiary's permanent address with SSA. This can always be found under the [Eligibility tab on the NMP](#), then select **Beneficiary Address.**

Note: When billing or filing claims electronically and the beneficiary's permanent address on file with Social Security is entered in the address field of the claim, the [Common Electronic Data Interchange \(CEDI\)](#) will route the claim to the correct Medicare jurisdiction.

Reference: Noridian DME Portal