

Medicare Beneficiary Identifier Tip

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Are you receiving claim rejections because of an invalid beneficiary identifier? It could be that you are using the wrong characters on the MBI.

The new Medicare number **will not include** the letters S, L, O, I, B and Z because they look too much like numbers.

Examples:

- ⇒ The **number zero (0), not the letter O.**
- ⇒ The **number eight (8), not the letter B.**
- ⇒ The **number two (2), not the letter Z.**

As a reminder, the MBI is required on all claims submitted to MACs on and after **1/1/2020**. Claims received with the HICN after this date may be rejected.