

## A0500: Legal Name of Resident

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**A. First name:**

[illegible]

C. Last name:

[illegible]

**B. Middle initial:**

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**D. Suffix:**

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## Item Rationale

Allows identification of resident.

Also used for matching each of the resident's records.

## Steps for Assessment

Ask resident, family, significant other, *and/or* guardian/legally authorized representative.

## DEFINITION

**LEGAL NAME**

Resident's name as it appears on the Medicare card. If the resident is not enrolled in the Medicare program, use the resident's name as it appears on a Medicaid card or other government-issued

## **A0500: Legal Name of Resident (cont.)**

Check the resident's name on *their* Medicare card, or if not in the program, check a Medicaid card or other government-issued document.

### **Coding Instructions**

*Use printed letters. Enter in the following order:*

First Name

Middle Initial (if the resident has no middle initial, leave Item A0500B blank;  
if the resident has two or more middle names, use the initial of the first  
middle name)

Last Name

Suffix (e.g., Jr./Sr.)