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A. Social Security Number:

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B. Medicare Number:

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Item Rationale

Allows identification of the resident.

Allows records for resident to be matched in system.

Coding Instructions

Enter the Social Security Number (SSN) in A0600A, one number per space starting with the leftmost space. If no SSN is available for the resident (e.g., if the resident is a recent immigrant or a child) the item may be left blank. Note: A valid SSN should be submitted in A0600A whenever it is available so that resident matching can be performed as accurately as possible.

Enter Medicare number in A0600B exactly as it appears on the resident's documents.

For PPS assessments (A0310B = 01 or 08), the Medicare number (A0600B) must be present (i.e., may not be left blank).

A0600B must be a Medicare number.

DEFINITIONS

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

A tracking number assigned to an individual by the U.S. Federal government for taxation, benefits, and identification purposes.

MEDICARE NUMBER

An identifier assigned to an individual for participation in national health insurance program. The Medicare Health Insurance identifier is different from the resident's Social Security Number.