

# A0500: Legal Name of Resident

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A. First name:

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C. Last name:

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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

1. 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 document.

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

2. 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:*

- A. First Name
- B. 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)
- C. Last Name
- D. Suffix (e.g., Jr./Sr.)