

## MEDICARE VITAL STATUS DATASET

**FULL NAME:** BENEFICIARY BIRTH DATE  
**SAS ALIAS:** DOB  
**DESCRIPTION:** THE BIRTH DATE OF THE BENEFICIARY.

**FULL NAME:** BENEFICIARY DEATH DATE  
**SAS ALIAS:** DOD  
**DESCRIPTION:** THE DATE OF A BENEFICIARY'S DEATH. DATES OF DEATH RECEIVED FROM SSA MAY CONTAIN ONLY A VALID YEAR AND MONTH. IN THESE CASES, THE EDB'S DEATH DATE IS SET TO THE LAST DAY OF THE DEATH MONTH. WHEN A VALID DAY OF DEATH IS RECEIVED FROM SSA OR CWF, THE VRFY\_BENE\_DEATH\_DAY\_SW FIELD IS SET TO 'Y'.

**FULL NAME:** BENEFICIARY RESIDENCE SSA STANDARD STATE CODE  
**SAS ALIAS:** STATE\_CD  
**DESCRIPTION:** THIS FIELD IS SUPPOSED TO CONTAIN THE BENEFICIARY'S RESIDENCE SSA STANDARD STATE CODE, BUT EVIDENCE EXISTS THAT IN MANY CASES THE FIELD CONTAINS THE STATE CODE OF THE BENEFICIARY'S MAILING ADDRESS.

### CODES:

01 = AL ALABAMA  
02 = AK ALASKA  
03 = AZ ARIZONA  
04 = AR ARKANSAS  
05 = CA CALIFORNIA  
06 = CO COLORADO  
07 = CT CONNECTICUT  
08 = DE DELAWARE  
09 = DC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
10 = FL FLORIDA  
11 = GA GEORGIA  
12 = HI HAWAII  
13 = ID IDAHO  
14 = IL ILLINOIS  
15 = IN INDIANA  
16 = IA IOWA  
17 = KS KANSAS  
18 = KY KENTUCKY  
19 = LA LOUISIANA  
20 = ME MAINE  
21 = MD MARYLAND  
22 = MA MASSACHUSETTS  
23 = MI MICHIGAN  
24 = MN MINNESOTA  
25 = MS MISSISSIPPI  
26 = MO MISSOURI  
27 = MT MONTANA  
28 = NE NEBRASKA  
29 = NV NEVADA  
30 = NH NEW HAMPSHIRE  
31 = NJ NEW JERSEY  
32 = NM NEW MEXICO  
33 = NY NEW YORK  
34 = NC NORTH CAROLINA  
35 = ND NORTH DAKOTA  
36 = OH OHIO  
37 = OK OKLAHOMA  
38 = OR OREGON  
39 = PA PENNSYLVANIA  
40 = PR PUERTO RICO  
41 = RI RHODE ISLAND  
42 = SC SOUTH CAROLINA  
43 = SD SOUTH DAKOTA

44 = TN TENNESSEE  
45 = TX TEXAS  
46 = UT UTAH  
47 = VT VERMONT  
48 = VI VIRGIN ISLANDS  
49 = VA VIRGINIA  
50 = WA WASHINGTON  
51 = WV WEST VIRGINIA  
52 = WI WISCONSIN  
53 = WY WYOMING  
54 = AFRICA  
55 = ASIA  
56 = CANADA  
57 = CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST INDIES  
58 = EUROPE  
59 = MEXICO  
60 = OCEANIA  
61 = PHILIPPINES  
62 = SOUTH AMERICA  
63 = U.S. POSSESSIONS  
64 = AMERICAN SAMOA  
65 = GU GUAM  
94 = ARMY POST OFFICE (APO AE)  
95 = ARMY POST OFFICE (APO AA)  
96 = ARMY POST OFFICE (APO AP)  
97 = NORTHERN MARIANAS  
98 = GU GUAM  
99 = WITH 000 COUNTY CODE IS AMERICAN SAMOA; OTHERWISE UNKNOWN

**FULL NAME: BENEFICIARY RESIDENCE SSA STANDARD COUNTY CODE**

SAS ALIAS: CNTY\_CD

DESCRIPTION: THIS FIELD IS SUPPOSED TO CONTAIN THE BENEFICIARY'S RESIDENCE SSA STANDARD COUNTY CODE, BUT EVIDENCE EXISTS THAT IN MANY CASES THE FIELD CONTAINS THE COUNTY CODE OF THE BENEFICIARY'S MAILING ADDRESS. RAILROAD BOARD UPDATES INITIALIZE THIS FIELD TO '999'. MONTHLY, THESE 999 COUNTY CODES ARE REPLACED BY VALID CODES IN A SEPARATE BATCH PROCESS.

**FULL NAME: BENEFICIARY MAILING CONTACT ZIP CODE**

SAS ALIAS: ZIP\_CD

DESCRIPTION: THE ZIP CODE OF THE MAILING ADDRESS WHERE THE BENEFICIARY CAN BE CONTACTED.

**FULL NAME: BENEFICIARY SEX IDENTIFICATION CODE**

SAS ALIAS: SEX

DESCRIPTION: THE SEX OF A BENEFICIARY.

CODES:

0 = UNKNOWN  
1 = MALE  
2 = FEMALE

**FULL NAME: BENEFICIARY RACE CODE**

SAS ALIAS: RACE

DESCRIPTION: THE RACE OF A BENEFICIARY. THE RACE CODE IS POPULATED WHEN AN SSA CER TRANSACTION OR A RAILROAD BOARD TRANSACTION INITIALLY ESTABLISHES A NEW RECORD ON THE EDB. SSA CER RACE CODES ONLY INCLUDE THE VALUES 0-3. THE RRB ONLY SENDS RACE CODE VALUE '0' TO THE EDB. CER/RRB UPDATE TRANSACTIONS DO NOT ALTER THE RACE CODE. IN MID-1997, SOME EDB RACE CODE VALUES WERE OVERLAID WITH CODES THAT WERE RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF A SURVEY THAT WAS MAILED TO CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES IN 1995. PERIODICALLY, RACE CODES ARE UPDATED FROM FILES THAT ARE PROCESSED IN SSA'S NUMIDENT OPERATION. NUMIDENT RACE CODES INCLUDE THE VALUES 0-6 AND UPDATE THE BENE\_RACE\_CD ONLY WHEN THE RACE SOURCE CODE (BENE\_RACE\_SRC\_CD) IS BLANK.

CODES:

0 = UNKNOWN

1 = WHITE  
2 = BLACK  
3 = OTHER  
4 = ASIAN  
5 = HISPANIC  
6 = NORTH AMERICAN NATIVE  
BLANK = TEMPORARY RECORD

**FULL NAME:**      **DATE RECORD LAST UPDATED**

SAS ALIAS:        UPDATED

DESCRIPTION:    THE MOST RECENT DATE VIREC RECEIVED VITAL STATUS INFORMATION FOR THIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

Definitions (except for variable UPDATED) taken from the Medicare Enrollment Database Data Dictionary (Version 6.2), May 2008.