

Reminder-Same and Similar Denials

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Due to the rise in Same or Similar denials, it is highly recommended that you utilize the Noridian DME [denial code resolution tool](#) to assist in resolving those denials.

Same or similar denials can be identified with reason code 151, remark code M3 on the remittance advice. To resolve the denial, an appeal/redetermination request may be submitted with all relevant supporting documentation, such as:

- Documentation to support change in the beneficiary's medical condition that supports need for a similar item
- Documentation/statement to indicate if the item was lost, stolen, or irreparably damaged and what occurred
- Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN), if applicable

Prior to providing an item, suppliers should verify if a beneficiary has received a same or similar item. That can be accomplished in the [Noridian Medicare Portal](#). If a same or similar item is on file in the beneficiary's claim history, an [Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage \(ABN\)](#) should be obtained prior to providing the item.

Reference: Noridian DME Website