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| Definition: | A stem number is the unique identifier for a Medicare provider and is up to six numeric characters in length.  Added to this stem number is a single digit alphanumeric character which denotes the practice location, followed by an alpha character which is a check character.  From a technical perspective and for data storage purposes, the provider six digit stem number is often referred to as the provider identifier. |

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