

5 Key Facts About Your NEW Medicare Cards

What Medicare beneficiaries should know!

1. Your new Medicare card will NOT have your SSN!

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) requires CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) to remove SSNs from all Medicare cards. The new cards will have a random 11 digit identifier that's a mix of numbers and letters.

2. You will not see your new cards before April 2018.

The transition period will begin no earlier than April 1, 2018 & run through April 2019.

3. This change will take some time.

With over 55 million Medicare beneficiaries in the US, moving to new Medicare numbers and cards requires a lot of changes to the CMS systems!



4. Your benefits will stay the same.

The new Medicare numbers will NOT change anything in your coverage. You can start using your new card as soon as you receive it.

5. You do not need to do anything!

This change will be automatic. There is no need to confirm your personal information with Medicare. When CMS sends your new Medicare card, they will mail it to you.

SCAM ALERT

Scammers posing as Medicare reps will call asking for your current Medicare number & offer to send you a new card. Stay Alert. Never give your information to anyone suspicious over the phone!

**Contact the NY Senior Medicare Patrol at
877-678-4697 to report this!**

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