



# 5 Key Facts About NEW Medicare Cards

## What Medicare Beneficiaries should know!

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

The Medicare Access and Chip Reauthorization Act (MACRA) requires CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) to remove Social Security Numbers (SSN) 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 and run through December 31, 2019.

**3. This change will take some time.**

With over 55 million Medicare beneficiaries in the U.S., moving to new Medicare numbers and new 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. There is no cost for new Medicare cards.

## **SCAM ALERT**

**Scammers posing as Medicare reps may call asking for your current Medicare number and offer to send you a new card. There is no cost for the new Medicare cards.**

### **STAY ALERT!**

**Never give your information to anyone suspicious over the phone!**



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