

New Medicare Cards are Coming!



Personal identity theft affects a large number of seniors. To combat identity theft and safeguard taxpayer dollars, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing a fraud prevention effort that removes Social Security numbers from Medicare cards.

Starting April 2018, CMS will begin mailing new Medicare cards that include a Medicare number. The new Medicare numbers won't change Medicare benefits. The mailings will be staggered throughout the year with completion expected by April 2019.

You don't need to do anything to get a new card, but you should make sure your mailing address is up to date. Visit ssa.gov/myaccount or call **1-800-772-1213** to correct your mailing address, if necessary. Medicare will never call and ask for personal information, so don't share your Medicare number or other information with a caller.

Once you get your new card, destroy your old card and start using your new card right away.



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