

# 5 Key Facts about the 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 Social Security Numbers 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.

You will receive your card no sooner than April 1, 2018 and no later than April 30, 2019.

## 3. This change will take some time.

With over 55 million Medicare beneficiaries in the U.S., 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 about 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 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 and offer to send you a new card.

**Stay Alert! Do not give your information out over the phone.**

Contact the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at **800-803-7174** to report this!

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