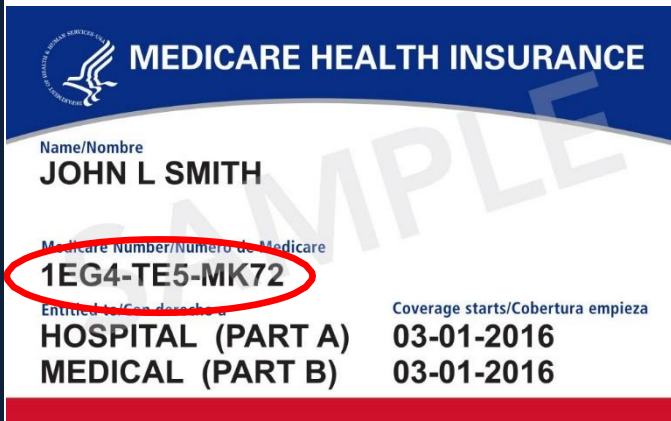
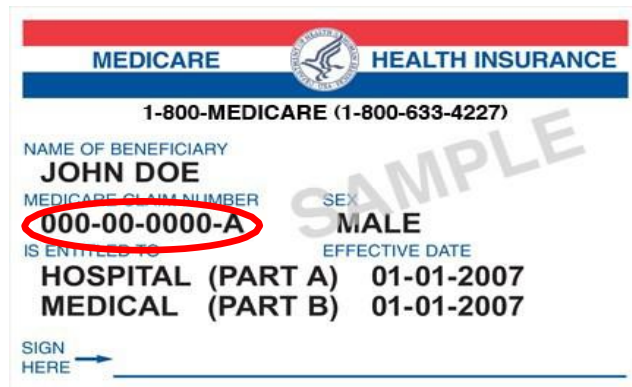




Everything You Need To Know About The New Medicare Cards

Why New Cards?

The current Medicare cards have a Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN). This number is typically based on your Social Security number, and it is what your health care providers use to bill Medicare for the services you receive. Legislation requires the removal of this number from all Medicare cards to protect your identity.



New Medicare cards will no longer have a number based on your Social Security number but will instead have a new, unique Medicare number, which is a unique, randomly generated series of 11 uppercase letters and numbers. The new number is meant to address the risk of identity theft that comes from having a Social Security number on the Medicare card.

When Will I Receive My New Card?

The new cards will automatically be mailed to you between April 2018 and April 2019.

- * Remember that you can verify your mailing address with Social Security so your card is sent to the right location. To contact Social Security, call 800-772-1213, visit www.myssa.gov, or go to a local office.

Click [Here](#) for Rollout Schedule of Mailing.

If you would like an email from Medicare when your new card is mailed or to check on the status of card mailings in your area, click [here](#).

Reminders

There is **NO COST** to you to receive your new card.

Your current Medicare coverage and benefits will not change.

After you get your new card, safely and securely destroy your old card.

Start using your new card right now.

Don't give anyone your personal information to get your new Medicare card. Medicare will not ask you for that information.

Your card may arrive at a different time than someone else that you know.

Guard your card: Do not share your Medicare card information with anyone except your insurer, pharmacists, providers, and people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.

Contact Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) if you think you have been the victim of Medicare fraud, errors, or abuse. An SMP representative will make referrals to the appropriate state and federal agencies for further investigation.

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