

NEW Medicare Cards Debut in 2018



New **Medicare cards** arriving next year will no longer display Social Security numbers, a move designed to protect against **fraud and identity theft**.

Here's what you need to know about the new cards:

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin mailing the cards to beneficiaries in April 2018.
- **The cards will automatically be mailed to all 58 million current beneficiaries. You don't need to do anything special to receive one.**
- The new cards will feature a randomly assigned Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) made up of 11 letters and numbers.
- Your **benefits won't change** under the new MBI.
- **Scams relating to the new card are already surfacing. Some Medicare recipients report getting calls from scammers who tell them that they must pay for the new card and then ask them for their checking account and Medicare card numbers. DON'T give out either number.**