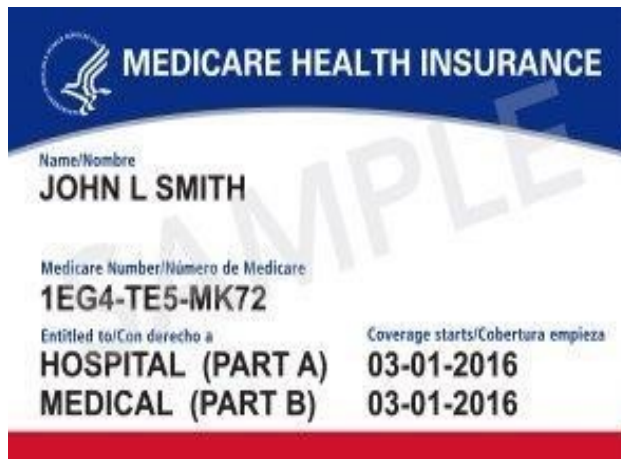


The New Medicare Card

Starting April 2018



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The Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) is a Medicare beneficiary's identification number, used for **processing claims and for determining eligibility** for services across multiple entities (for example, Social Security Administration (SSA), Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), States, Medicare providers, and health plans).

The **MACRA legislation** requires that CMS mail out new Medicare cards with a new Medicare Number (also referred to as Medicare Beneficiary Identifier – (MBI)) by April 2019.

The new Medicare numbers won't change Medicare benefits. People with Medicare may start using their new Medicare cards as soon as they get them.

Prepare for the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier - MBI

CMS will **begin mailing new cards in April 2018** and will meet the congressional deadline for replacing all Medicare cards by April 2019

The **gender and signature line will be removed** from the new Medicare cards

The **Railroad Retirement Board** will issue their new cards to RRB beneficiaries

CMS will work with states that currently include the HICN on **Medicaid cards** to remove the Medicare ID or replace it with an MBI

CMS will conduct intensive education and outreach to all Medicare beneficiaries, their families, caregivers, and advocates to help prepare for this change