



## 123118 NEWS BLAST

### ATTN: MEDICARE PROVIDERS NEW MEDICARE CARD UPDATE

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) requires that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) remove Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from all Medicare cards **by April 2019**. This change will help to prevent fraud, fight identity theft, protect essential program funding and protect the private healthcare and financial information of Medicare beneficiaries.

CMS has issued new Medicare cards to beneficiaries with a new unique, randomly-assigned number called a **Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI)** to replace the existing Social Security-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) both on the cards and in various CMS systems currently used.

NOTE: The format of the MBI does not use letters S, L, O, I, B and Z.

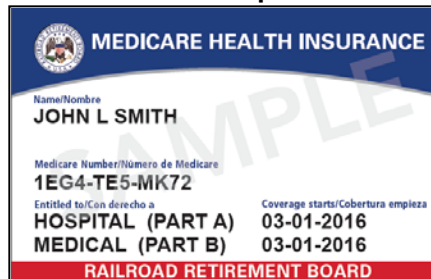
From October 2018 through the end of the transition period, carriers will return the MBI on every remittance advice when submitted claims with valid and active HICN.

CMS has begun mailing new Medicare cards to all beneficiaries on a flow basis by geographic location and other factors. Beneficiaries in the state of Louisiana should have received new cards after October 2018. The complete schedule is available via <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/NMC-Mailing-Strategy.pdf>

#### Medicare Sample Card:



#### Railroad Medicare Sample Card



No longer able to differentiate by number scheme.

If a new Medicare card has not yet been received by April 2019 or if there are any questions, contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

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#### CMS Resources:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/new-medicare-card/nmc-home.html>

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/Providers/Providers.html>

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