



# 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 1. REMOVAL OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is replacing your current Medicare Card with a NEW CARD.
- 2. NEW BENEFICIARY NUMBER ASSIGNED**  
Your SSN will be replaced with a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) of 11 letters & numbers to help protect your identity.
- 3. YOUR NEW CARD WILL BE MAILED TO YOU**  
Medicare will MAIL new cards to beneficiaries between April 2018 and April 2019.
- 4. UPDATE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS**  
To confirm that your mailing address is up-to-date, go to [www.ssa.gov/myaccounts](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccounts), call 1-800-772-1213, or go to your local Social Security office.
- 5. NO IMPACT ON YOUR BENEFITS**  
The new card doesn't change your benefits or coverage.

- 6. DESTROY YOUR OLD CARD!**  
As soon as the new card is received, SHRED THE OLD CARD and start using the new one.
- 7. MEDICARE WILL NOT CALL YOU**  
If someone calls you regarding your Medicare card, HANG UP. It is a SCAM!
- 8. NEW CARDS = NEW SCAMS**  
Beware! Scammers will pose as Medicare reps to take advantage of beneficiaries during the transition.
- 9. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR NEW CARD**  
If someone says you need to pay for your new card, that is a SCAM!
- 10. PROTECT YOURSELF!**  
To deter Medical Identity Theft, keep your Medicare Card/MBI in a secure place and share it only with those you know/trust.

**NEW CARDS.  
SAME MEDICARE.  
NO COST TO YOU.  
NO CHANGES TO  
BENEFITS.  
NEW CARDS MAILED  
BEGINNING  
APRIL 2018.**



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