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New Medicare Card Announcements

New Medicare Card Project: Important Updates

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has begun mailing newly-designed Medicare cards with the new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI), or Medicare Number. The new Medicare Number replaces the Social Security Number-based Health Insurance Claim Numbers (HICNs). Beneficiaries enrolling in Medicare for the first time will be among the first to get the new cards, no matter where they live. Current Medicare beneficiaries will get their new cards on a rolling basis over the [coming months](#). CMS will continue to accept the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) through the [transition period](#).

During this transition, CMS has continuously adjusted and improved its mailing strategy to make sure:

- New cards go to accurate addresses.
- Current Medicare beneficiary personal information is safe in every way possible.
- The highest levels of fraud protection are in place when sending new cards.

CMS is committed to mailing new cards to all Medicare beneficiaries over the next year.

New Medicare Card Project: Open-Door Forum

CMS will host a **Special Open-Door Forum on Thursday, April 5, 2018, from 12:30–1:30 p.m. Eastern Time** to share:

- Updates about the new Medicare card mailing.
- Information on how beneficiaries with Medicare can look up their new Medicare Number or print a replacement card on MyMedicare.gov.
- Details on resources for partners.

To participate in the Special Open-Door Forum webinar, please follow these steps:

- **Use dial-in number:** (800) 837-1935

- **Use Conference ID number:** 7065199
- **Log on to view the webinar:** <https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/r51uia09fgq/>

Healthcare providers need to be able to accept MBIs now because beneficiaries enrolling in Medicare for the first time are currently getting their cards with the new numbers. Check [CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov) often for the most up-to-date information.

Send feedback and questions on the New Medicare Card Project to: Partnership@cms.hhs.gov.