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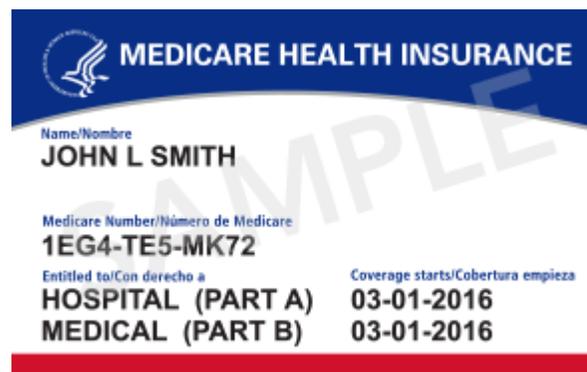
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), through the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), recently mailed letters to all Medicare Fee-For-Service providers about its work to assign new numbers (known as Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers, or MBIs) and issue new Medicare cards to all people with Medicare beginning in April 2018.

CMS's top priorities are to make sure:

- Medicare patients have continuous access to care.
- Providers have the tools and information needed for a smooth transition. Starting in June 2018, providers can look up their patients' new Medicare numbers through their MAC's secure web portal. If you don't already have access to your MAC's portal, [sign up now](#).

Once you receive the letter and accompanying fact sheet, make sure to carefully review them, to find out how to prepare to accept the new number beginning in April 2018. Your letter will contain specific information for your MAC. You can also view a [sample letter](#) and [print-friendly fact sheet](#).

CMS also recently unveiled the [new Medicare card design](#) (please see below) and issued a [press release](#) with more information about the project.



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