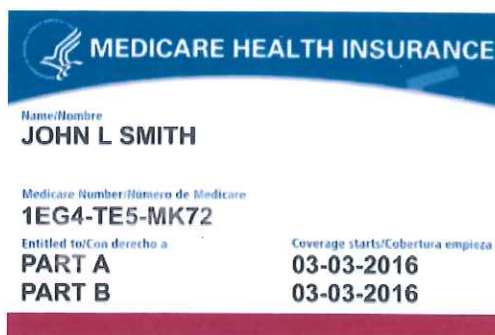


Did you know? You are getting a NEW MEDICARE CARD!



Beginning in April 2018, Medicare will be mailing new Medicare Cards to all people with Medicare. The new cards will have a new, unique, randomized Medicare Number on them for better protection of your identity. Your Social Security Number will no longer be on your Medicare card.

Your new Medicare card will automatically be mailed to you to at your official mailing address filed with Medicare at no cost. There is nothing you need to do.

Medicare residents in Pennsylvania will be among the first to receive the new cards – scheduled to arrive between April and June 2018. Be aware that you may not receive your card at the same time your spouse or your neighbor or friend does.

If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan you should still keep your plan's ID card and continue to use it for your care. You will also be able to carry your new Medicare card with protected Medicare Number, as the new cards will be slightly smaller to fit into your wallet.

Once you receive your new card, be sure to:

1. Destroy your old Medicare card.
2. Use your new card as soon as you receive it. All health care providers have been notified of this upcoming change and will be ready to accept your new card.
3. Beware of people contacting you by phone or mail, offering to get your new card to you sooner for a fee, or asking for your Medicare/Social Security number or other personal information. You should still protect your Medicare card with your new number on it as you did your old card.

If you do not get your new card by April 2019 – contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

This information is provided to you by the Chester County APPRISE Medicare Counseling Program. APPRISE is Pennsylvania's statewide program of free Medicare consultation under the auspices of the Chester County Department of Aging Services. Chester County has an APPRISE Help Line for beneficiaries to use for information, answers to questions, or to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a counselor. Call 610-344-5004 and leave your name, your phone number and a brief message describing your situation. You can also contact APPRISE at appriseshesco@outlook.com or visit your local senior center.