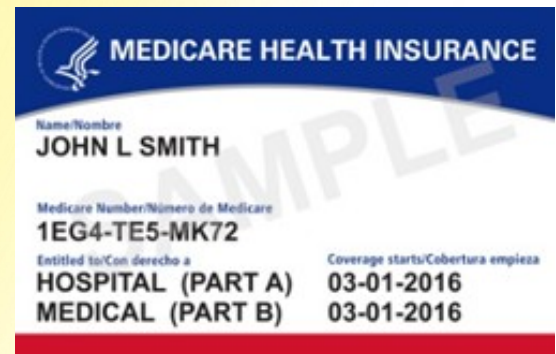


“New” Medicare Card

Do you know what isn't new? Your Medicare card.

Medicare beneficiaries are not receiving new cards, but scammers may try to convince you otherwise. For example, scammers may falsely tell you that Medicare is issuing new cards—perhaps a card that is plastic, or a card that has a chip in it. The scammers may tell you that for them to send your new card, you need to verify your identity, which could include your Medicare number. This is an attempt to get your personal or financial information.



Here are some red flags to look for:

- Unsolicited calls from anyone claiming to be from Medicare
- Anyone needing your personal information so that they can send you an updated Medicare card
- Anyone saying your card is expiring, and they need to send you a new one or you will be charged a fine
- Anyone stating Medicare is issuing new cards and you need to verify your number

Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol has a toll-free hotline to report any Medicare fraud. Call 888-818-2611 to report fraudulent activity. For more information, please call or go to www.smpwi.org