



New Medicare Card Scams

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are working to remove Social Security numbers from all Medicare cards. The cards will begin being issued to new beneficiaries in April 2018. CMS will then begin the task of issuing new cards to existing Medicare beneficiaries.

With this new change comes the opportunity to scam Medicare beneficiaries. The new scam consists of phone calls to Medicare beneficiaries to obtain personal information. Callers use the beneficiary's personal information to conduct fraudulent activity.

It is important to remember:

Medicare will NEVER call to verify your number because they already have it; and

There is no cost to get the new Medicare cards.

Medicare beneficiaries should report calls such as this to the Senior Medicare Patrol which is housed within SHIIP in North Carolina.