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EMERGING SCAM AND FRAUD INFORMATION FROM THE PA SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL

Facts About the New Medicare Cards

From April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019, Medicare will mail out new Medicare cards that no longer have Social Security numbers on them. Your new card identification number will be a random mix of numbers and letters. This will help to protect your identity. Some things to remember:

- ◆ ***Your Benefits Will Stay The Same*** – There are no changes to your coverage. The only difference is your identification number.
- ◆ ***You Don't Have To Do Anything*** - There is no need to confirm your personal information with Medicare or anyone else. Your card will automatically come in the mail and is ready to use right away.
- ◆ ***There Is NO CHARGE For The Card*** - The card is free. There is no “one-time fee”, “processing fee” or any other fees.

Medicare representatives don't call you or come to your house. Hang up on anyone who calls you and says there is a fee for the card or that they need to confirm your identity. It's a scam!

For more information, call the PA-SMP. Help is free and confidential.

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