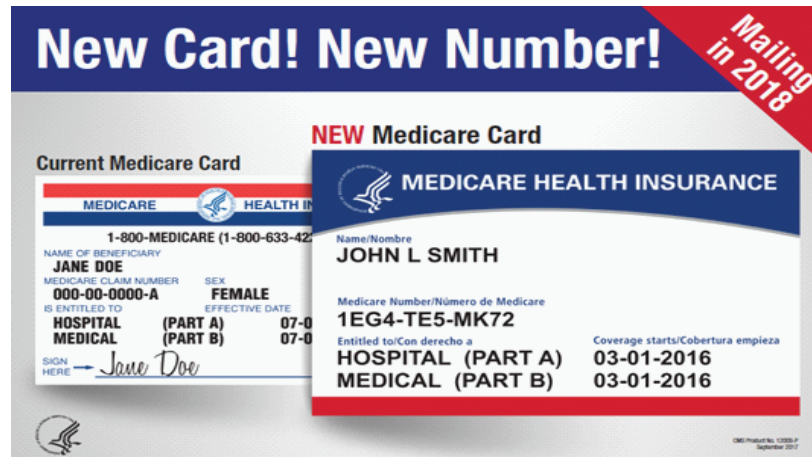


# New Medicare Cards in 2018



- Medicare will mail out new Medicare cards starting in April 2018.
- Medicare beneficiaries in California will receive their new Medicare cards April 2018-June 2018.
- How is the new Medicare card different?
  - The new card will have a unique ID number that will replace your social security number.
- Is there any change in my Medicare benefits?
  - No, your Medicare benefits will remain the same.
- Why is Medicare replacing the current Medicare card?
  - By replacing the social security number with a new ID number, the government is taking steps to reduce Medicare identity theft and fraud.
- Will I still be able to use my current Medicare card?
  - Yes. From April 2018 through April 2019, you will be able to use either Medicare card when you use medical services.
- Who can I call if I have questions or problems with the new Medicare card?
  - Call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227.
  - **Call Center for Health Care Rights at 1-800-824-0780**