

"NEW" MEDICARE CARD SCHEMES



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

People with Medicare **ARE NOT** receiving new cards this year, But scammers may attempt to convince you otherwise.



PROTECT

Medicare and/or health ID # and only share it with your health care provider or trusted person. **Protect your Medicare card like you would a credit card.** Scammers have ways of stealing your personal information.



DETECT

medical identity theft by reading your Medicare statements often. If you see services or prescriptions that you didn't know about or receive, your Medicare and/or health ID number could be considered "compromised."



REPORT

potential medical ID theft to your local SMP as it can affect your medical and health insurance records, ability to receive future services or equipment, and lead to incorrect costs for both you and the Medicare program.



RED FLAGS TO LOOK FOR:



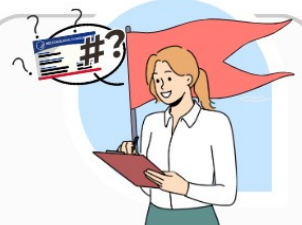
Unsolicited calls from anyone claiming to be from Medicare



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



SMP

Senior Medicare Patrol

Contact your local Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) if you believe you have experienced potential Medicare fraud, errors, or abuse.

smpresource.org | 877.808.2468



SHIP

State Health Insurance Assistance Program

Contact your SHIP if you have questions about 2025 coverage, enrollment periods, or cost assistance programs.

shiphelp.org | 877.839.2675