

## Medicare cards

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In an effort to secure Medicare recipients identity, CMS will be rolling out new Medicare Cards with Medicare Benefit Information (MBI) numbers. Historically, Medicare ID cards have included the beneficiaries Social Security Numbers. However, that can be problematic if a card is misplaced or lost, causing someone's identity to be at risk. The new MBI numbers will be a unique 11 digit identifier used only for Medicare purposes.

There will be a long transition period to make sure the new MBI cards are working properly. Transitioning to the new cards will take place between April 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019, meaning two things; you will receive your new MBI

card between this timeframe, and your old Medicare card will work until December 31, 2019.

\*Please note your Medicare benefits are not changing. Once you receive your new card please bring it with you to your healthcare provider visit so we can update your record.

*Prior Hospital Happenings available at <http://www.fcphd.org/news.html>.*



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<b>PART A</b>	<b>03-03-2016</b>
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