

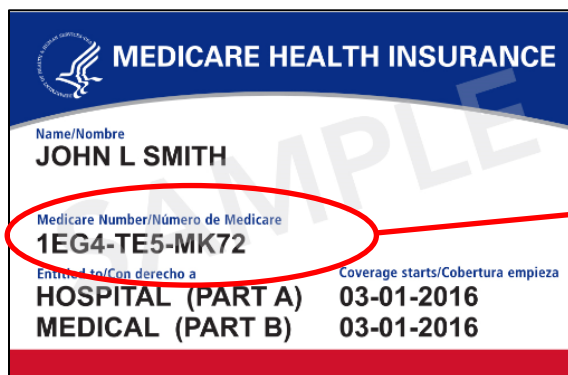
## Retirees enrolled in Tufts Health Plan Medicare to Receive New Medicare Cards Starting in April

Medicare beneficiaries will start receiving new Medicare cards from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in early April 2018. If group retirees haven't received their new card yet, it may be coming soon.

The new Medicare cards will no longer have Social Security Numbers on them to protect against the risk of identity theft. Instead, the cards will have a randomly generated, 11-digit "Medicare Beneficiary Identifier" (MBI) for Medicare transactions. Every person with Medicare will get his or her own unique MBI, which should be protected as Personally Identifiable Information.

This change by original Medicare will have no effect on group retirees' Tufts Health Plan coverage. They have a different card for their Medicare Advantage/Medicare Complement plan issued by Tufts Health Plan.

Their new Medicare card will look like this:



Randomly generated Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI)

CMS plans to complete its mailing of the new Medicare cards by April 2019. Retirees should be encouraged to verify that the Social Security Administration (SSA) has their current address on file. This is important because Medicare will use this information to mail their new card. Medicare beneficiaries can check their address information by visiting [www.ssa.gov/myaccount/](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/), where they can log in to their *My Social Security* account or create a new one.

If group retirees have any questions about the new Medicare cards, they should contact Member Services at the number on their Tufts Health Plan ID card and a representative will be pleased to assist them.