

New Medicare Card Project

Card Mailing Update

CMS started mailing new Medicare cards to people with Medicare who live in Wave 2 states and territories: Alaska, American Samoa, California, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands, and Oregon. CMS continues to mail new cards to people who live in Wave 1 states, as well as nationwide to people who are new to Medicare.



On June 1, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will mail the new RRB card to all people who get RRB benefits, nationwide.

Once people with Medicare get their new Medicare cards, they should start using them right away. Healthcare providers and suppliers can use either the former Social Security-based HICN or the new alpha-numeric Medicare Beneficiary Identifier through December 31, 2019.

To view updates, beneficiary and stakeholder resources, visit: The [Outreach & education](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach-and-education.html) page:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach-and-education.html>

For a full list of the mailing waves, please see CMS' mailing strategy, available here: Mailing map:
<https://www.medicare.gov/newcard/>

Direct people with Medicare to [Medicare.gov/NewCard](https://www.medicare.gov/NewCard) for information about the mailings and to sign up to get email about the status of card mailings in their state.

Destroy your card video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rf9q0dVinF8>

CMS is committed to mailing new cards to all people with Medicare over the next year.