

Beware of Medicare Scammers!!!

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Having your Social Security number removed from your Medicare card helps fight medical identity theft and protect your medical and financial information. But even with these changes, scammers will still look for ways to take what doesn't belong to them. Here are some ways to avoid Medicare scams:

- ⇒ Is someone calling, claiming to be from Medicare, and asking for your Social Security number or bank information? Hang up. That's a scam. First, Medicare won't call you. Second, Medicare will never ask for your Social Security number or bank information.
- ⇒ Is someone asking you to pay for your new card? That's a scam. Your new Medicare card is free.
- ⇒ Is someone threatening to cancel your benefits if you don't give up information or money? Also a scam. New Medicare cards will be mailed out to you automatically. There won't be any changes to your benefits.