



Medicare Breach in 2026

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) discovered a breach with some beneficiaries' Medicare numbers. Approximately 1 million 500 thousand beneficiaries were sent a letter from the Dept of Health and Human Services informing them of the breach. CMS issued new Medicare cards with new Medicare numbers to those effected individuals. Beneficiaries in the breach were informed to continue using their present card until June 17, 2026. Then as of June 17, 2026, they are to use the new card and number and destroy the old card. They need to let their providers (doctors, labs, imaging centers, etc.) know they have a new Medicare Number. (See letter on next page.) This letter is NOT a scam. Please take it seriously. Also, continue checking your MSN (Medicare Summary Notices) to make sure you have not been charged for medical services you did not receive. Remember that effective January 1, 2026, these notices started coming only every 6 months instead of quarterly.

If you did not receive such a letter, it was determined that your number was NOT breached. However, it is always important to stay vigilant and review your summary notices when it comes in the mail or online if you if you opted that manner of communication.

You can report a scam by contacting Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) at 1-866-836-7677.



IMPORTANT: You have a new Medicare card & number

Medicare found an issue with your Medicare Number. **To protect your identity and prevent fraud, we're giving you a new card with a new Medicare Number.**

Your new Medicare Number will be effective **June 17, 2026**. This doesn't change your coverage or benefits.

What to do next

Keep using your current Medicare card and number until June 17, 2026.

Your new Medicare card with the new number is inside. Starting June 17, 2026, your previous Medicare Number will no longer be valid and you should:

- Start using your new Medicare card
- Destroy your old Medicare card
- Let your providers know you have a new Medicare Number

Protect your new Medicare Number just like a credit card. Only give your new Medicare Number to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, insurers, or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.

Get help & more information

If you have questions about your new Medicare card and number, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you've been discriminated against. Visit [Medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice](https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice), or call 1-800-MEDICARE for more information.





IMPORTANT: You have a new Medicare card & number

Due to a data breach affecting **1.4 million beneficiaries**, Medicare is issuing new cards with new Medicare numbers to help protect your identity and prevent fraud. **This does not change your coverage or benefits.**



EFFECTIVE DATE: JUNE 17, 2026

Your new Medicare number will be effective on this date. Until then, **keep using your current card.**

WHAT TO DO:

- Keep using your current card until June 17, 2026.
- Start using your new card on June 17, 2026.
- Destroy your old card.
- Let your providers know you have a new number.



Protect your new Medicare Number just like a credit card. Only give it to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, insurers, or people you trust to work with Medicare.



QUESTIONS?
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TN SHIP Line:
(931) 432-4150



Visit **Medicare.gov** for more information.

Important Medicare Update

Some Medicare beneficiaries are receiving a new Medicare card and number due to a data breach affecting 1.4 million beneficiaries. This update helps protect against fraud and keep personal information secure.

Effective June 17, 2026

Your new Medicare number will replace your current one—but your coverage and benefits will remain the same.

What you need to do:

- Continue using your current card until June 17, 2026