

## Renewal of Medicare Card Information Scams

SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) has announced that beneficiaries are once again receiving a letter with a plastic Medicare card and asking that they “activate” the new card. **Do not do this** since Medicare cards are **NOT** in plastic, only paper. This is a scam. See below.

Also, if someone contacts you claiming your Medicare card is expiring or invalid, it is a **100% fake scam** designed to steal your identity and personal numbers. Medicare cards only have a start date.

# SMP SCAM WARNING!



## Don't activate a plastic Medicare card

If you received a letter with a plastic Medicare card, don't "activate" it. Medicare is not sending plastic Medicare cards. This is a scam. If you get this letter, please report it to the SMP.



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The cover of a Medicare card issued from 8/2014. Coverage is not renewed by automatic renewal. If you do not receive your Medicare card, please report it to the SMP.



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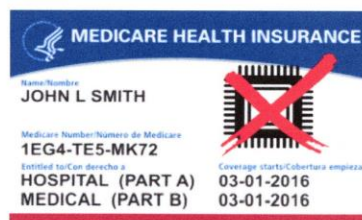


# YOUR MEDICARE CARD DOES NOT EXPIRE

AND THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A  
MEDICARE CARD WITH A CHIP IN IT.

## THIS IS A SCAM!

Have you gotten a call saying your Medicare card is about to expire or has expired? Maybe a mention of a new card with a microchip? This is a scam. **Medicare cards never expire and they do not have microchips.** If you gave out your information, please report it to the SMP.



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