

## Summary of Regulatory Changes

As part of the Social Security Removal Initiative, Medicare cards with MBI numbers began to be issued to Medicare recipients in April 2018. Medicare Center has supported both HICN and MBI number input on the Medicare enrollment forms during the transition period. Starting on January 1, 2020, the transition period is over and only MBI numbers should be used on enrollment applications.

## Summary of Changes to Your Enrollment Forms

The following changes will be made to all Medicare enrollment forms in order to accept MBI numbers only:

- Instructional text will be updated to read: "Please take out your red, white and blue Medicare card to complete this section. In the spaces provided, enter your Medicare Number (do not enter dashes) and the Effective Dates for your Part A and Part B coverage."
- The Medicare card image will be added to the form as a visual guide to users.
- MBI field validation will be updated to check for
  - Characters in positions 2, 5, 8, and 9 are always Alphabetic (A).
  - Characters in positions 1, 4, 7, 10, and 11 are always Numeric (N).
  - Characters in positions 3 and 6 can be either Alphabetic or Numeric (E).
  - Letters S, L, O, I, B, and Z will never be used.
  - Special characters (i.e. dashes) will not be accepted.
- MBI field validation error message will be updated to read: "Error: Please check your Medicare Number and re-enter below (do not enter dashes)."

Medicare Information  
Please take out your red, white and blue Medicare card to complete this section. In the spaces provided, enter your Medicare Number (do not enter dashes) and the Effective Dates for your Part A and Part B coverage.

You must have Medicare Part A and Part B to join a Medicare Advantage plan.

**MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE**  
Name/Number  
**JOHN L SMITH**  
Medicare Number/Effective Dates  
**1EG4-TES-MK72**  
Coverage started/Effective dates  
**HOSPITAL (PART A) 03-01-2016**  
**MEDICAL (PART B) 03-01-2016**

Medicare Number\*

Hospital (Part A) Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Medical (Part B) Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY)