

Are You Eligible For a New Medicare Card?

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A representative from “Medicare” has called to let you know that you are eligible for a new Medicare card. All you need to do is verify your current information.

Am I really eligible for a new Medicare card? Why is Medicare calling me? What’s wrong with my current Medicare card?

Unfortunately, Medicare fraud is a billion-dollar business. Actually, about sixty billion in 2022. Take note: **Medicare is not issuing new cards this year.** Or next year either. The person calling you from “Medicare” is a scammer.

In my role as a Project Manager for the Ohio Senior Medicare Patrol, I hear stories daily from older adults who have answered the phone and are told that Medicare is on the other end. Or Social Security. Or the Internal Revenue Service. It’s not. These trusted government agencies will not initiate a call to you.*

Con artists are opportunists and target us in times of transition or change. Medicare enrollment season is coming up, which means your phone will likely start ringing with offers of new cards, new programs, and new services. Know this – Medicare is not calling you. I want to make sure that everyone knows that! **Medicare is not calling you.** Medicare will not call you.*

I have heard about so many cases of fraud this year, that I really want people to stay strong: do not verify your personal information, your Medicare card number or your Social Security number. Even better – screen all of your calls and if you don’t recognize the number, decline it or let it go to voicemail. Or hang up if you answer and it’s not who you expected.

If you find that you have mistakenly given out your Medicare number to someone who has called you, let us know. This has happened to many of us throughout Ohio – it’s not just you. They call all of us and they are very good, very smart, and very convincing. Call us at the Ohio Senior Medicare Patrol and we can help you stay protected.

**Note that trusted government agencies will never initiate a call to you, but they may call you back if you have previously called them.*



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