IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGE OF YOUR MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM NUMBER:

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015, requires CMS to remove Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from all Medicare cards by April 2019. A new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) will replace the SSN-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) on your new Medicare card. The new Medicare card/number should be protected as personally identifiable information.

CMS will assign you a new MBI and randomized Medicare card mailings by geographic location will begin April, 2018 and end April, 2019.

The new Medicare numbers won't change your Medicare benefits and you should begin using the new Medicare cards as soon as you receive them. Give the new Medicare card information to all of your medical providers so they can update their records accordingly.

Please visit <u>https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/index.html</u> for more information.