

# GeorgiaCares

Local help for people with Medicare

GeorgiaCares provides free, unbiased and factual information and assistance regarding Medicare and other related health insurance.

GeorgiaCares consists of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP).

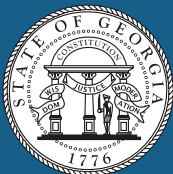
## SHIP

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides personalized counseling, education and outreach to assist Medicare beneficiaries and help answer questions about:

- Original Medicare
- Medicare health and drug plans
- Medicare Supplement Insurance
- Financial assistance programs

## SMP

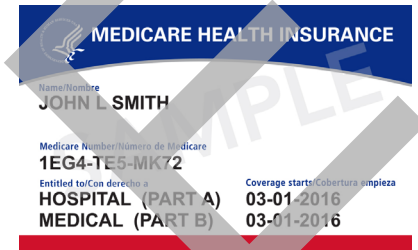
The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) project empowers seniors to prevent health care fraud to preserve Medicare and Medicaid for future generations. The primary goal is to teach Medicare beneficiaries how to protect their personal identity, and detect potential errors, fraud and abuse.



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## New Medicare Cards

Medicare is mailing new Medicare cards starting in April 2018. Here are 10 things to know about your new card.



- 1. Mailing takes time.** Your card may arrive at a different time than your friends' or neighbors'.
- 2. Destroy your old Medicare card.** Once you get your new Medicare card, destroy your old Medicare card and start using your new card right away.
- 3. Guard your card.** Only give your new Medicare Number to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, your insurers or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.
- 4. Your Medicare Number is unique.** Your card has a new number instead of your Social Security number. This new number is unique to you.
- 5. Your doctor knows it's coming.** Doctors, other health care facilities and providers will ask for your new Medicare card when you need care.
- 6. Keep your new card with you.** Take your new card and show it to your health care providers when you need care.
- 7. Your new card is paper.** Paper cards are easier for many providers to use and copy, and you can print your own replacement card if you need one.
- 8. You can find your number.** If you forget your new card, you, your doctor or other health care provider may be able to look up your Medicare Number online.
- 9. Keep your Medicare Advantage Card.** If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan, your Medicare Advantage Plan ID card is your main card for Medicare. You should still keep and use it whenever you need care.
- 10. Help is available.** If you don't get your new Medicare card by April 2019, call 1-800-MEDICARE.

Call GeorgiaCares today!

**866-552-4464**

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