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MO HealthNet Provider Hot Tip of the Week

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The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) requires CMS to remove Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from the current SSN-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) and issue a new Medicare card with a Medicare Beneficiary Identification (MBI) number. CMS will start mailing the new Medicare Beneficiary ID cards with the new MBI numbers to participants beginning in April 2018. They are allowing an 18-month transition period that ends December 31, 2019. During the transition period, physicians and other providers may submit a Medicare claim using either the participants valid and active HICN or the new MBI number. All Medicare claims submitted after January 1, 2020, will be required to use the new MBI number. Those claims filed with the participant's old HICN will be rejected. With these new criteria, MO HealthNet will have a transition period from April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019, in which we are able to accept either the new MBI number or the old HICN. Effective January 1, 2020, providers will only be able to submit the new MBI number with all claims that are submitted to MO HealthNet.
