New Medicare Card Project Milestones

Launch New Medicare Card web content on cms.gov

March 2016

Unveil new Medicare card

- Medicare & You Handbook mailed with information about new Medicare card
- Post additional Medicare.gov web content for people with Medicare

September 2017

 Begin mailing new Medicare cards to people with Medicare

- All systems & processes able to accept MBI
- **Transition Period Starts:** Can use either the HICN or MBI for data exchanges
- Begin returning messages in HETS responses to show when new Medicare cards have been mailed to a specific patient and when a patient qualifies for Medicare through the RRB

April 2018

Statutory deadline deadline for issuing new Medicare cards

April 16, 2019

March - August 2016

Held listening sessions with stakeholders

 CMS announces look up options for

 Basic information cards added to

June 2017

providers and people available for providers with Medicare

about new Medicare Medicare.gov

November 2017

Education materials about the new card to order

January 2018

Begin robust education & outreach for people with Medicare

June 2018

Launch provider MBI look-up tool

October 2018

Return MBI on Remittance Advice

January 2020

Transition Period Ends: Must use the MBI on data exchanges (some exceptions)

Before April 1, 2018

Update your business and system processes to be able to accept the MBI by April 1, 2018. If you use vendors, work with them to update their practice management systems.