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New CMS Cards Greater Protection

In its continuing effort to combat fraud and abuse, CMS issued a statement on May 30, 2017, indicating that Medicare will no longer issue cards that contain Social Security numbers. CMS's notice states, "The new cards will use a unique, randomly-assigned number called a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI), to replace the Social Security based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) currently used on the Medicare card."

New beneficiary cards will contain a unique MBI that will have random numbers and uppercase letters. CMS will start sending out the new cards in April of 2018, and expect to have all of the cards replaced by April 2019.

People 65 and older are often victims of personal identity theft. The Department of Justice statistics indicated that identity theft increased to 2.6 million in 2014. The financial and emotional toll is high on such a vulnerable population. Work on this initiative started in 2015 with the 'Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).

For more information, see CMS' website – <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/ssnri/index.html> (please note that the link does not work with Internet Explorer). This link is dedicated to the Social Security Removal Initiative (SSNRI) and will provide the latest updates and a sign-up for newsletters. Once the cards are mailed, CMS is setting up a regularly scheduled call-in to share updates and to answer provider questions.

Notable Anniversaries of our Newest Team Members

Jean Boe, DME Billing Specialist - Jean has been a part of SVH/RMHNs team for over 16 years, and started in 2000 to work for the newly formed SVH Central Billing Office (CBO) which merged with RMHN to handle all SVH billing/collections. When SCL centralized billing/collections to Denver, Jean transferred to the N Shiloh Clinic taking on a Medical Records role. Once billing was brought back in-house for Medical Supply & Mobility, Jean just rolled with the changes, and is happy to be back at RMHN. It's like a 'complete circle'.

Jean Mathew, DME Billing Specialist - Jean is nearing her 13 year anniversary with SVH/RMHN. She started with Rocky in August 2004, and within 6 months was transferred to the DME office, at the time known as Great Plains. The name was later changed to SVH Medical Supply & Mobility. Jean has 4 kids, two grandchildren and another one due in November. She is also an 11 year cancer survivor and feels blessed every day for the wonderful doctors here in Billings.

Chandra Mcarty, DME Billing Specialist - Chandra started with Durable Medical Equipment as a Customer Service Rep in January of 2008 and moved into Billing a few months later. Chandra enjoys posting patient and insurance payments, and her goal is to insure the patient gets an accurate statement each and every time. Chandra has a 3 ½ year old daughter that keeps her busy when she is not at work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BlueCross BlueShield Workshop

Mansfield Center – Burns Auditorium

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Lunch 11:30 to 12:00 pm

Workshop 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Lunch 11:30 to 12:00 pm

Workshop 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Montana Health Co-op Workshop

Mansfield Center – Burns Auditorium

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Lunch 11:30 to 12:00 pm

Workshop 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Welcome New Members

(May 2017)

Jessica D Cozzens MD
Planned Parenthood of MT
Christopher Michaelis MD
St James Heart Center

Derek J Williams MD
St James Emergency Physicians

Melissa L Blue NP
St James Healthcare

Paul Sims, DDS
St James Healthcare



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