New Medicare Beneficiary Identifier

Understanding the Transition to New Identifiers

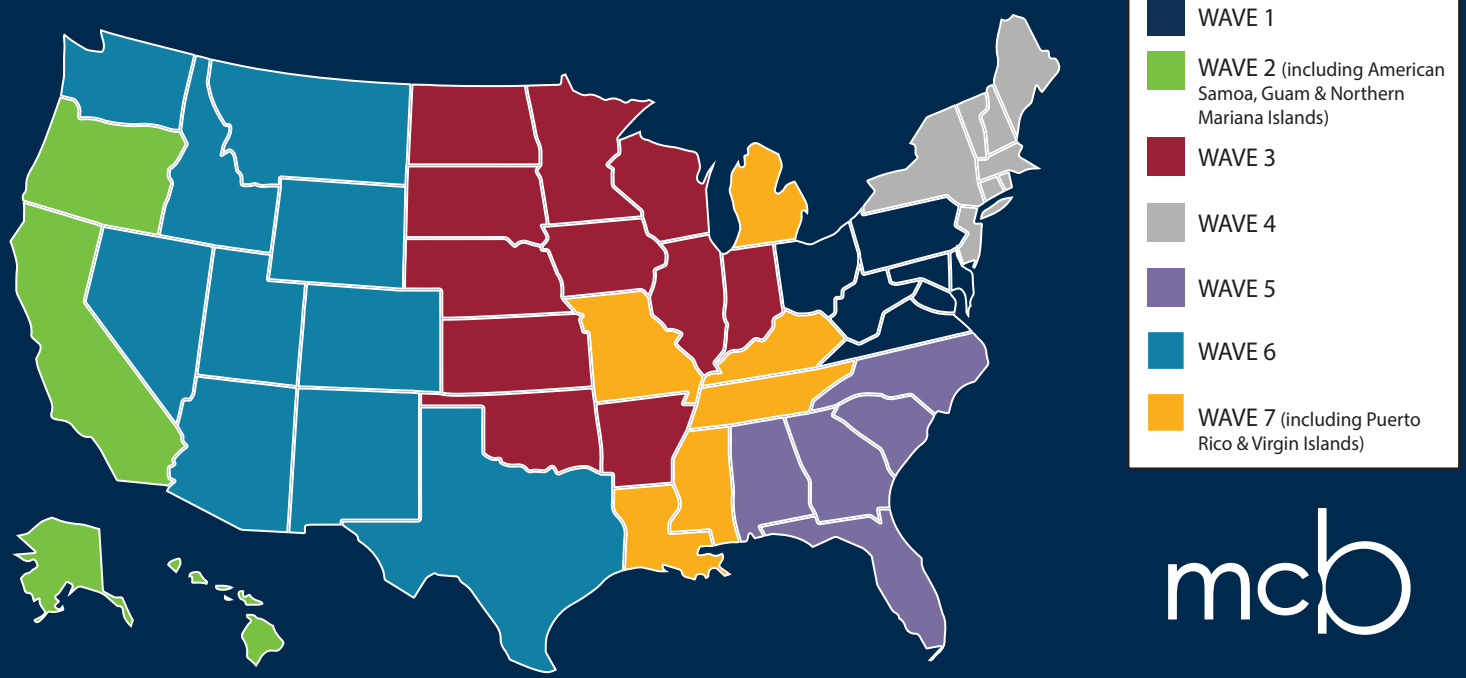
Key Points about MBIs:

- Randomly generated 11-digit identifiers
- Contain uppercase alphabetic and numeric characters
- Will occupy the same field as the HICN on transactions
- Unique to each beneficiary - husband and wife will have their own MBI
- Made smaller to match the size of a standard credit card
- Bilingual- in English/Spanish
- Will not include gender and signature
- Printed on white paper and will still be red, white and blue coloring

IMPLEMENTION TIMELINE

JAN 2018	APRIL 2018 - 2019	JAN 2020
CMS will activate the MBI Generator and Translation Services	Cards issued to beneficiaries in 7 waves. Waves 1-2 before June 2018. Waves 3-7 after June 2018	HICNs no longer exchanged with beneficiaries, providers, plans and other third parties with limited exceptions

Which wave are you in? Find your area!



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