

What Should You Do If You Haven't Received Your New Medicare Card?

Your new Medicare card should have arrived in the mail by now. If you didn't get it, here's what to do:

- Remember that your new Medicare card will come in a plain white envelope from the Department of Health and Human Services.
- If your card didn't arrive, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

There is no charge for the new card, so don't be scammed into paying someone for it and don't fall for any phone calls or emails you might receive trying to get you to pay for it. In case you weren't aware, your new card has a brand new number and no longer contains your Social Security number.

Lasting Words of Kindness

"Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute it is gone;

But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the center as they go,

And there is no way to stop them, once you've started them to flow.



Drop a word of cheer and kindness; just a flash and it is gone;

But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,

Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave

'Til you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave."

"Pebble" by James Foley (1874-1939)

Virginia Tax Free Holiday

When is it?

August 3-5, 2018. The 3-day sales tax holiday starts the first Friday in August at 12:01 am and ends the following Sunday at 11:59 pm.

What is it?

During the sales tax holiday, you can buy qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products without paying sales tax.



What items are eligible?

- [School supplies, clothing, and footwear](#)
 - Qualified school supplies - \$20 or less per item
 - Qualified clothing and footwear - \$100 or less per item
- [Hurricane and emergency preparedness products](#)
 - Portable generators - \$1,000 or less per item
 - Gas-powered chainsaws - \$350 or less per item
 - Chainsaw accessories - \$60 or less per item
 - Other specified hurricane preparedness items - \$60 or less per item
- [Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products](#)
 - Qualifying Energy Star™ or WaterSense™ products purchased for noncommercial home or personal use - \$2,500 or less per item.