

Traditional Medicare Part B vs. Medicare Advantage

Traditional Medicare Part B Card (Acceptable)

Medicare Part B: This is part of Original Medicare, covering medical services like doctor's visits, outpatient care, preventive services, and some home health services.

- **Card Appearance:** The traditional Medicare card is red, white, and blue. It includes:
 - Your name
 - Medicare number (which is a combination of letters and numbers)
 - Part A (Hospital Insurance) coverage start date
 - Part B (Medical Insurance) coverage start date

Visual Differences

1. Traditional Medicare Part B Card:

- Red, white, and blue color scheme
- Contains Medicare number, your name, and start dates for Part A and Part B

2. Medicare Advantage (HMO)(Aetna, United, Blue Cross) Card (Not Acceptable):

- Issued by a private insurer with their branding (Aetna, United, Blue Cross, etc.)
- May have additional information such as the type of plan, member ID, and customer service contact
- Generally does not list Part A or Part B start dates

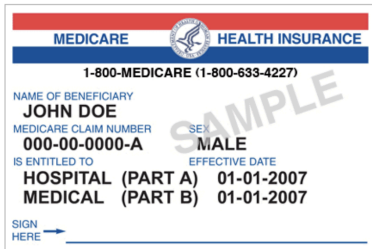
3. Medicare Supplement (Medigap) Card (Not Acceptable):

- Issued by a private insurer with their branding
- Typically includes your policy number, plan type, and customer service contact

Example Visuals

While I can't show actual cards here, I can describe a typical layout:

Traditional Medicare Card:



| Medicare |

| [Medicare Logo] |

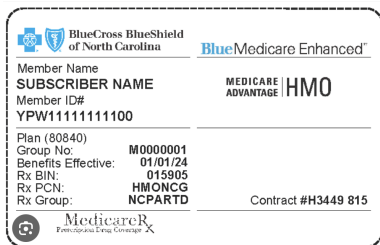
| John Doe |

| Medicare Number: 1EG4-TE5-MK72 |

| Part A (Hospital) Effective: MM/DD/YYYY |

| Part B (Medical) Effective: MM/DD/YYYY |

Medicare Advantage Card (HMO Example):



| Health Insurance Company Name |

| [Company Logo] |

| Member Name: John Doe |

| Member ID: 123456789 |

| Plan: HMO |

| PCP: Dr. Smith |

| Customer Service: 1-800-XXX-XXXX |