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Re: Health Card Security Enhancements

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The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care recognizes the importance of having a secure Health Card and is introducing changes to enhance the security of its current card. These additional security enhancements will make the Health Card more tamperproof and counterfeit resistant. In order to further protect personal health information, address information has been removed from the back of the Health Card.

Ontarians will not receive an enhanced Health Card until their current card expires, or a replacement card is required. Both the red and white and the current photo health card remain acceptable as proof of entitlement to medically necessary insured health services providing they are valid and belong to the person presenting the card.

The additional security features include:

- A new security background
- Secondary photo and signature
- Tactile features (Health Number, Version Code, and Ontario trillium logo)
- A 2D bar code



This image is provided as a sample only to illustrate the enhanced Health Card.