



Examples of Medicare Fraud

Please report any problems listed below to SMP as soon as possible.

1-877-272-8720

- Calling seniors on the phone and offering free medical supplies.
- Offering free supplies but asking for Medicare number.
- Calling seniors to ask them to change their diabetic supply company.
- Billing for services or supplies that were not provided.
- Billing twice for the same service or item.
- Offering to “ignore” the 20% copayment.
- Billing for services or items that are no longer needed.
- Billing for rental equipment after it has already been returned.
- Telling seniors “we know how to get Medicare to pay for this”.
- Refusing to bill Medicare for covered services or items.
- Using another person’s Medicare card to get medical care.
- Ordering health care services for a patient that has not been seen by the doctor.
- Signing approval for medical supplies or procedures that are not needed.
- Giving approval to your provider or the employee of provider the rights to be your Medicare designee.
- Offering free groceries or rides to switch doctors, pharmacies, insurance, etc.
- Billing social activities as therapy.

Healthcare Reform Starts by Stopping Healthcare Fraud

1.

Protect yourself from Medicare errors, fraud and abuse.

Protecting your personal information is the best way to fight health care fraud and abuse. Seniors get ripped off by scam artists every day. Medicare and Medicaid lose billions of dollars each year. You can make a difference!

- Never give your Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security Number to strangers.
- Never sign a blank form.
- Do not accept prizes or “free” offers for use of your Medicare number.
- Stay away from companies that offer payment for supplies or services not usually covered by Medicare.

2.

Detect possible errors, fraud and abuse.

Look for possible errors, fraud and abuse. Even when you do everything right, you could be a target of healthcare fraud. There are many ways that your personal information can be used without your permission.

- Always check your Medicare Summary Notice for errors or services not received.
- Check to make sure no one else has used your Medicare card.

3.

Report any possible errors, fraud and abuse.

If you find errors, fraud or abuse, report it now! You will protect other people from becoming victims and help to protect your Medicare benefits.

- Report problems with your Medicare billing, services and claims.
- Call the company or doctor and ask them to correct the billing with Medicare.
- If you find fraud call us at 1-877-272-8720.

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