

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF MEDICARE or MEDICAID FRAUD !

Protect your Medicare or Medicaid number as you would your credit card information. Do not give out your personal information, such as your Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security number, bank account numbers or credit card numbers to anyone you do not completely trust.

Medicare and Medicaid will not call you on the telephone. Medicare does not sell or endorse any product. If someone calls you or visits your home telling you that he or she represents Medicare or Medicaid, they are lying and cannot be trusted. Hang up the telephone or shut the door.

Always read your CMS Medicare Summary Notice or health care billing statement. The Medicare Summary Notice is the report you receive in the mail on a quarterly basis from CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services).

Indications of possible fraud are:

- Charges for services you did not receive
- Billing for the same service twice
- Services that were not ordered by your physician

Always keep a calendar of your doctor visits and medical tests.

- Compare your statements with your calendar. Make sure the provider is not being paid for a service that was never received by you.

Never accept “free” services from persons selling medical services. If anyone tries to offer you “free” services, be very suspicious.

Always rip up or shred your Medicare or other healthcare papers or any other important documents before discarding them.

Count your pills. Always count the pills after you pick up your prescription. Short pilling is a major problem. If you are short, tell your pharmacist. If it happens again file a complaint.

If you think you have been a victim of Medicare or Medicaid fraud, call:

Office of Inspector General Fraud Hotline

1-800-447-8477

or

Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services

State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

1-888-426-9243

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