

Don't be a target of health care fraud

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Ways to Prevent Fraud

- 1** **Don't share** your Medicare or Social Security numbers.
- 2** **Track your medical appointments** and compare them with your Medicare statements.
- 3** **Shred** all receipts and personal documents.
- 4** **Hang up on robo calls** and calls asking for personal information.
- 5** **Check your credit** reports annually.
- 6** **Don't give out personal information** or send money, if the request is unexpected.
- 7** **Don't accept money or gifts** in exchange for free medical care.
- 8** **Read everything** you sign and ask for a copy.
- 9** **Never sign** a blank document.
- 10** **If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.**

Billions of dollars are lost every year due to fraud and scams against older adults. But there is much you can do to protect yourself:

- Medicare or Social Security will never call you unless you called them.
- Social Security will not suspend your account.
- Medicare or Social Security will not ask you to pay for something with a gift card.
- Do not accept medical supplies, equipment or screenings in exchange for your Medicare number.
- Identity theft can happen when you share your personal information, such as your Medicare number, Social Security number, credit card numbers, etc.

The Senior LinkAge Line is a free service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's area agencies on aging. It is Minnesota's federally designated Senior Medicare Patrol and can help Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers prevent, detect and report health care fraud, errors and abuse.

If you have a question about health care fraud, errors or abuse, the Senior LinkAge Line can help.

Give them a call at 800-333-2433

Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

or visit

mn.gov/senior-linkage-line/older-adults/medicare/fraud
to learn more.



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