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“Help Prevent Fraud” Campaign Article – Short Version

You Can Help Fight Medicare Fraud and Abuse

Health care fraud drives up costs for everyone in the health care system and endangers Medicare’s ability to serve present and future generations.

Medicare is expanding efforts to prevent and fight fraud, waste and abuse, and beneficiaries have an important role to play.

Following are some key ways you can guard your benefits and protect yourself and your loved ones from fraud:

- Review your Medicare claims summaries thoroughly to ensure you received each service listed and that all the details are correct.
- Never share your Medicare Number, except with your doctors or other Medicare providers.
- Never use another person’s Medicare card or allow anyone else to use yours.
- Tell your friends and neighbors to guard their Medicare and Social Security numbers.
- Report suspected fraud by calling 1-800-MEDICARE. The sooner you see and report errors, the sooner Medicare can investigate and stop the fraud.

To learn more about health care fraud and ways to protect against it, visit www.stopmedicarefraud.gov.

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