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Report fraud, waste, abuse, or criminal activities to your State's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), State Medicaid agency (SMA), or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG).

1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477)
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Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse occurs in many different ways. Below are examples of some common types of fraud, waste, and abuse. This is not intended to be a complete list. If you have any questions about fraud, waste, and abuse, contact your State's MFCU, SMA, or call HHS-OIG.

Medical Identity Theft	Using another person's medical information to obtain money, items, or services.
Upcoding/Unbundling	Billing for services at a level of complexity that is higher than the service actually provided or documented, or using multiple codes for services covered by a single code.
Services or Supplies Not Rendered	Billing for services or supplies not provided to a beneficiary, services not documented correctly, or both.
Kickbacks	Soliciting or receiving remuneration (in kind or in cash) in return for referring individuals, goods, or services that may be paid under Federal health care programs.
Excluded Individuals	Employing or contracting with any excluded individual or entity for the provision of items or services that are reimbursable, directly or indirectly, by any Federal health care program.
Drug Diversion	Illegally prescribing, distributing, abusing, or overusing prescription drugs.
Beneficiary Fraud	Eligibility fraud, card sharing, doctor shopping, and drug diversion.
Quality of Care/ Patient Abuse/ Neglect	Abusing, neglecting, or exploiting Medicaid patients, including committing physical and mental abuse, withholding medically necessary services, or neglecting to provide appropriate or adequate care.
General Fraud and Abuse	Billing in ways inconsistent with sound financial management or professional standards; or payment/billing is fraudulent when done intentionally and abusive if unintentional.
Waste	Over utilizing Medicaid benefits, such as prescribing inappropriate or unnecessary drugs, medical equipment and supplies, or medical services.

For more information, visit the Medicaid Program Integrity Education page at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Fraud-Prevention/Medicaid-Integrity-Education/edmic-landing.html on the CMS website.

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