

MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

People with Medicare should know that fraud and abuse can happen anywhere. Scammers use multiple ways to commit Medicare fraud including stealing information or billing for unnecessary health care services or medical equipment. Criminals are using every avenue they can to commit Medicare fraud. It's important for people with Medicare to be aware of how to prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud.

This toolkit includes social media posts and a drop-in article to educate people with Medicare on how to protect themselves against Medicare fraud. As always, the best way to stay up to date with Medicare news and announcements is to follow our [Medicare Facebook](#) page and on X [@MedicareGov](#).

For more information about types of Medicare fraud and how to report it visit [Medicare.gov/fraud](#).

URL for use in posts: [Medicare.gov/fraud](#)

Medicare Fraud



Watch out for Medicare fraud. Never provide your personal information over the phone. If a caller asks for your Medicare info - hang up. Prevent Medicare fraud. [Medicare.gov/fraud](#)



If you get a call, text, or email asking for your Medicare Number, it's a scam! Never give out your personal information. Fight Medicare fraud. [Medicare.gov/fraud](#)



Crush Medicare fraud! Never give your Medicare number to someone you don't know. Protect your Medicare info. [Medicare.gov/fraud](#).



It's important to check your Medicare statements for any charges you don't recognize. It may be a scam. Learn how to spot scams. [Medicare.gov/fraud](https://www.Medicare.gov/fraud).



Scammers have all types of tricks up their sleeves. Be suspicious of people offering you "free" medical equipment. [Medicare.gov/fraud](https://www.Medicare.gov/fraud)

Hospice Scam



Hospice care is a valuable resource for those with a terminal illness. But scammers trick people into signing up even if they don't need it. Beware of hospice scams. [Medicare.gov/fraud](https://www.Medicare.gov/fraud)



Beware of scammers, sometimes posing as salespeople, offering "free" services or gifts. They may be trying to trick you into signing up for hospice care without your knowledge. Hospice care is a serious decision that should only be made between you and your doctor. [Medicare.gov/fraud](https://www.Medicare.gov/fraud)

Drop-In Article: English

Stop Medicare Fraud Before It Starts

Dr. Mehmet Oz, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

When I took on the role of leading Medicare, one of my primary goals was to crush the chronic fraud, waste, and abuse in the program. Ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used responsibly and that Medicare resources remain available for those who depend on them is a top priority.

People with Medicare are at the very heart of this effort. Scammers are after your Medicare number to submit false claims for services that were never provided, or for services that are not needed. These fraudulent actions do more than just drain government funds. They can also compromise your personal medical records, potentially affecting the care you need.

Medicare fraud costs American taxpayers billions of dollars every year. By staying vigilant and protecting your Medicare information, you can help stop fraud before it starts.

Together We can Crush Fraud

To protect yourself, follow these steps:

1. **Guard Your Medicare card** like you would a credit card or your social security number.
2. **NEVER share your Medicare information** with anyone who calls, texts, emails or shows up at your door uninvited. Scammers may pretend to be from Medicare or act like salespeople. Remember: Medicare will never contact you before you contact them.
3. **Be skeptical of “free” gifts, “free” medical services, discount packages or any offer** – If it sounds too good to be true, it absolutely is!
4. **Check your Medicare claims statements** to make sure that all services listed are the ones that you received. Also, check for fraud red flags like being billed twice for the same service.
5. **Report suspicious activity immediately** by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

Be Aware of This Growing Scam

Fraudsters posing as salespeople are targeting older Americans, attempting to enroll them in hospice care without their knowledge or consent. They often go door to door, offering so-called “free” services like cooking, cleaning, medical equipment, or even protein shakes. This is all as a cover to get you to sign paperwork. Don't do it. Your health care decisions should always be made between you and your doctor, not a salesperson.

Protecting your Medicare isn't just about saving money, it's also about safeguarding your health and the integrity of a system we all depend on. Stay vigilant, stay informed, and together we'll stop these criminals in their tracks. With your help, we can crush Medicare fraud.

To learn more, visit [Medicare.gov/fraud](https://www.Medicare.gov/fraud). To report potential fraud, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

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