

Did you know?

- Between 3% and 10% of health care spending is lost to fraud
- Medicare fraud has been estimated to cost taxpayers between 30 billion and 50 billion dollars each year
- Medicare fraud could result in bad equipment, bad drugs, or loss of access to your Medicare benefits



To Report Medicare
Fraud and Abuse, you
can call

M MAP

1-800-803-7174

or the

**Inspector General's
Hotline**

1-800-447-8477

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BEWARE
of
Medicare
Scams

*In the Mail
On the Phone
At Your Door*



What is Medicare Fraud?

Examples

- Billing Medicare for medical supplies that have been returned to the company
- Billing Medicare for services and supplies that were never provided
- Submitting claims for unnecessary services or procedures
- Using another person's Medicare card to get medical care
- Falsifying claim forms to get paid for services not provided
- Billing Medicare for the same service twice
- Billing Medicare for non-approved services by calling them approved services

Take Action!

Take an active role in your own health care expenses and save your Medicare dollars.

Protect

- Keep a record of your doctor visits, tests, and procedures in your personal health care journal
- Do not give out your Medicare number or ANY personal information to people who call you or come to your door
- Do not do business with providers not known to you

Detect

- Read your Medicare Summary Notices (MSN). Look for mistakes and services that were not ordered by your doctor

Report

- Call your provider FIRST if you have questions
- Call MMAP at **1-800-803-7174** if you suspect fraud or have any questions

What is MMAP?

MMAP is a free service that can help you make informed health benefit decisions.

Volunteer counselors can help you:

- Understand Medicare bills
- Understand insurance choices
- Report fraud and suspicious billing

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