

TIPS TO PREVENT MEDICARE OR MEDICAID FRAUD & WASTE

- Never provide your Medicare or Medicaid number (or any part of it) unless you know whom you are dealing with.
- Never provide your Medicare or Medicaid number (or any part of it) in exchange for free services.
- Never allow anyone, except appropriate medical professionals, to review your medical records or to recommend services.
- Never accept medical services, supplies or equipment from telephone solicitor, door - to - door sales rep, or from a TV or magazine ad. Only your doctor can order services, supplies or equipment for you.
- Beware of providers who represent themselves as being part of, or endorsed by, the federal or state government, Medicare or Medicaid. None of these entities endorse products or services of any provider.
- Avoid a provider who tells you that the item or service isn't usually covered, but they know how to bill Medicare or Medicaid to get it paid.
- **RECORD** - use a calendar or notebook, for instance - your health care appointments, tests and supplies.
- **REVIEW EVERY** Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) to determine that only services and supplies that were received and ordered are billed. When you review your MSN, ask yourself three questions?
 1. Did I receive the service or product for which Medicare is being billed?
 2. Did my doctor order the service or product for me?
 3. Is this service or product relevant to my diagnosis?
- **REPORT** any discrepancy.

WHERE TO REPORT

- Provider
- Phone number of Medicare Summary Notice
- National Medicare Fraud Hotline: 1-800-HHS-TIPD (1-800-447-8473)
- Wisconsin's SMP: 1-800-488-2596 extension 317

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