

PROTECT

Protect yourself against Medicare fraud.

Protecting your personal information is your best defense against health care fraud and abuse.

Steps to protect yourself and your health care benefits:

- Treat your Medicare and Social Security numbers like your credit cards. Never give these numbers to a stranger.
- Remember, Medicare won't call to ask for your Medicare number.
- Don't carry your Medicare card unless you'll need it for a doctor's appointment.
- Keep a record of your medical visits, tests, and procedures in a health care journal or calendar.
- Save your Medicare statements, such as Medicare Summary Notices and Explanations of Benefits.

DETECT

Detect potential fraud, errors, and abuse.

Knowing how to spot suspicious activity can help you stop health care fraud and abuse in its tracks.

Steps to detect possible fraud, errors, and abuse:

- Review your Medicare statements for mistakes by comparing them to your personal records.
- Look for three things on your Medicare statements:
 - Charges for something you didn't get
 - Billing for the same services or supplies twice
 - Services that weren't ordered by your doctor

