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With the extremely high demand for COVID-19 tests, numerous concerning reports of fraudulent at-home and professional testing activities have already been received.

What You Should Know:

Be Careful! Scammers are selling fake and unauthorized at-home [#COVID19](#) test kits using the pandemic to benefit themselves, which may cause potential harm to beneficiaries by taking the personal information collected and potentially using it to fraudulently bill Medicare/Medicaid and commit medical identity theft.

What you should do:

- Make sure to purchase FDA approved COVID-19 test kits from legitimate providers.
- Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites.
- If you go to a pop-up site or other testing facility, research the facility or testing site before you go.
- If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, contact the AR SMP at 866-726-2916 or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).\
- Before buying any kit online, make sure that the test is from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approved list of vendors. Here is a list of rapid antigen-based tests: <https://go.usa.gov/xtbau>.



REPORT all scams to the Arkansas SMP — 866-726-2916