

### PHARMACY AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG FRAUD—

Pharmacy and prescription drug fraud is a consistent trend in Medicare. Due to the lucrative nature of prescription drug diversion and pharmacy scams, criminals continue to exploit Medicare Part D.

Although there are many types of prescription drug schemes, pharmacy fraud primarily occurs when Medicare is billed for a medication that was not received or a beneficiary is intentionally given a different prescription drug than was prescribed.



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### What You Should Know:

#### Common Examples:

- ⇒ Billing for prescription drugs (including refills) that were never received/picked up, never delivered, never even prescribed.
- ⇒ Prescribing drugs (opioids) for patients a provider has never seen.
- ⇒ Prescribing or billing for amounts beyond the quantity you were prescribed.
- ⇒ Dispensing expensive compounded medication or name brand, when a less expensive or generic option would have worked.
- ⇒ Knowingly providing expired medication.
- ⇒ Pharmacists and/or employees may sell your personal information for kickbacks.
- ⇒ Offers to give you free prescription medication in exchange for your Medicare number without a physician's order, and then bills Medicare.
- ⇒ Gift card offers to entice you to switch to a particular pharmacy.
- ⇒ Automatic refills of a prescription you no longer need and never pick up, but Medicare is billed.

### TIPS:

1. Count your pills to make sure you weren't intentionally shorted
2. Don't accept payment or services in exchange for the use of your Medicare number.
3. Don't accept payment to allow someone else to pick up prescriptions on your behalf.

### What you Should Do:

To report suspected pharmacy and prescription drug fraud, contact the AR Senior Medicare Patrol at 866-726-2916

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

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG FRAUD



**Report potential prescription drug fraud if you see claims on your Medicare statements for prescriptions that were:**

- Never picked up, delivered, or even prescribed, including refills
- Prescribed by a health care provider you have never seen
- For amounts beyond the quantity you were prescribed
- Different (often more expensive) than the one you were originally prescribed

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