# 3 Steps you can take to guard against Medicare Fraud



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#### **Protect**

Protecting your personal information is your best line of defense against health care fraud. Treat your Medicare number like your credit card numbers. Never give them to a stranger and don't carry your cards unless you need them for appointments. Remember that Medicare doesn't call or visit to sell you anything.

Every day, Medicare fraud affects people with Medicare and their families across the U.S. Remembering to protect, detect, and report fraud helps everyone, including you.

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#### **Detect**

Always review your Medicare statements closely. Things to look for include charges for something you didn't purchase or receive, duplicate charges, and charges for services not ordered by your doctor. Record medical visits and procedures in a journal or calendar to help keep track of each appointment and make it easier to spot inaccuracies.



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### Report

If you suspect you've been a target of fraud, report it. This can help you and others at risk for fraud. If you have questions about your Medicare statements, call your health care provider.



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