

Medicare & Prescription Fraud



- Watch out for these common Medicare Fraud Schemes
 - Free medical equipment in return for your SS/Medicare number
 - Approached in public offering free services for your SS/Medicare number
 - Groceries
 - Transportation
 - Help around the house/yard
 - Phone calls requesting SS/Medicare number
 - Health survey
 - Medical equipment provider
 - Local hospital, Physician's office, Medicare or Social Security office
- Check all medical bills, Medicare Summary notices, explanation of benefits, and Credit reports.
 - Charged for anything you didn't order or get?
 - Are dates and procedures accurate for your treatments?
 - Are you being billed twice?
 - Are they showing any unpaid bills for services/equipment you didn't receive?
 - Received any collection notices for services or equipment you haven't received?
- Report suspected Medical I.D. or Medicare Theft promptly
 - Contact your providers
 - Contact Medicare if providers can't resolve discrepancies
 - If you suspect fraud, contact department of HSS or I.G.
 - Put Fraud Alert on your bank and credit card accounts
 - Contact and advise authorities
- It's illegal for someone to steal and use your SS/Medicare number.
 - It's illegal for you to loan your Medicare number to someone else

Source:

[1] *Medicare Fraud: Health Information For Older People* Federal Trade Commission www.consumer.ftc.gov

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Additional Resources

Cedar Rapids Police Department

505 1st St SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
(319) 286-5375 ext. 5485
www.cedar-rapids.org/police

Crime Stoppers

1-(800) -272-7463

Cedar Rapids Fire Department

713 1st Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
(319) 286-5200 – Main Number
(319) 286-5277 – Public Educator
www.cedar-rapids.org/government/departments/fire

Marion Police Department

6315 US-151
Marion, IA 52302
(319) 377-1511
www.cityofmarion.org/departments/police-department

Marion Fire Department

3933 Katz Drive
Marion, IA 52302
(319) 377-8237
www.cityofmarion.org/departments/fire-department

Hiawatha Police Department

101 Emmons St.
Hiawatha, IA 52233
(319) 393-1212

Linn County Sherriff's Office

P.O. Box 669, 310 2nd Avenue SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406
(319) 892-6100
www.linncounty.org

Mount Vernon Police Department

213 1st St NW
Mount Vernon, IA 52314
(319) 895-6141
www.cityofmtvernon.com

Linn County Emergency Management

6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
(319) 892-6500
<http://www.linncounty-ema.org>

Aging Services

317 7th Ave SE Suite 302B
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
(319) 398-3644
www.agingservicesia.org

Heritage Area Agency on Aging

6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
(319) 398-5559
www.HeritageAAA.org

Horizons: A Family Service Alliance

819 5th Street SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
(319) 398-3943
www.horizonsfamily.org

LifeLong Links

(Families & Caregivers can get info on services for older adults & persons with disabilities age 18+)
(866) 468-7887
www.lifelonglinks.org

AARP

(866) 554-5378
www.aarp.org/ia

United Way of East Central Iowa

317 7th Avenue SE Suite 401
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
(319) 398-5372
<http://www.uweci.org/>

