

# California Senior Medicare Patrol

## Medicare Fraud Alert

### 2019

---

### Beware of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Brace Scams

Here are some common examples to watch out for...

- Unsolicited phone calls offering free braces covered by Medicare.
- TV commercials and newspaper ads offering “free” Medicare approved braces to alleviate pain.
- Urgently marked postcards notifying beneficiaries of pending eligibility for free Medicare-covered back and/or knee braces.
- Suspicious packages containing braces that were not ordered by your doctor.
- Charges on your Medicare Summary Notice statements for braces or other DME that you did not want or were not ordered by your doctor.

**Remember:** Don't give your Medicare number to anyone except your medical providers. Review your Medicare Summary Notice/Explanation of Benefits to detect any suspicious charges. If you or someone you know comes across such scams, let us know by calling [Senior Medicare Patrol](#) at 1-855-613-7080.

For more fraud alerts in other topics and in additional languages, visit:

[cahealthadvocates.org](http://cahealthadvocates.org).

Thank You!

