

Fighting the Fraud: Tips for Medicare Security

- 1** Never share your Medicare number with anyone over the phone unless you are sure it's your medical provider.
- 2** Medicare provides the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you. If anyone asks for money to get you a shot, it is a scam.
- 3** Medicare will never contact you for your Medicare Number or other personal information unless you've given them permission in advance.
- 4** Medicare will never call you to sell you anything.
- 5** You may get calls from people promising you things if you give them a Medicare Number. Don't do it.
- 6** Medicare will never visit you at your home.
- 7** Medicare can't enroll you over the phone unless you called first.
- 8** Protect your Medicare Number and your Social Security Number.
- 9** Use a calendar to record all your doctor's appointments and any tests you get.
- 10** Know what a Medicare plan representative can and can't do before you join.
- 11** Do not allow anyone except your doctor or other Medicare providers to review your medical records or recommend services.
- 12** Never allow someone else to contact your doctor to request a service that you don't need.