

# Protect yourself from fraud

**Don't share** your Medicare or Social Security numbers.

**Review** your Medicare statements to make sure they are correct.

Don't throw away receipts and private documents; **shred them.**

**Hang up** on callers asking for personal information and **don't send** them money or gift cards.

**Don't accept money or gifts** in exchange for free medical care.



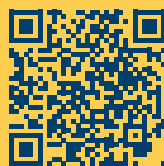
**Read everything** you sign and ask for a copy.

**If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.**



SENIOR LINKAGE LINE

# Prevent Medicare fraud



Billing mistakes can happen, but there are also criminals who commit Medicare fraud and scams to make money.

If you think there's something wrong with your Medicare bills or statements, follow these steps to protect yourself.

**Call your service provider.** Ask questions.

**Get help.** The Senior LinkAge Line can help you:

- Spot and report scams and unfair medical practices, like charging for services you didn't get.
- Connect you with the right people who can investigate.

**File a report** with Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE.



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The Senior LinkAge Line is a free, statewide service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's area agencies on aging. It is Minnesota's federally designated Senior Medicare Patrol and can help people prevent, detect and report health care fraud, errors and abuse.