

### Fraud COVID-19 Testing Concerns



Be careful! Scammers are selling fake and unauthorized at-home COVID19 test kits. With the high demand for COVID-19 tests, there are concerning reports of fraudulent at-home and professional testing activities. Before buying any kit online, make sure that the test is from the **U.S. Food and Drug Administration's** approved list of vendors.

Scammers are once again using the coronavirus pandemic to commit medical identity theft and benefit themselves. The personal information collected by these scammers can be used to fraudulently bill Medicare and other health insurance programs.

#### Tips to protect yourself and others:

- Only purchase FDA approved COVID-19 test kits from legitimate providers.
- Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites.
- If you go to a pop-up site or other testing facility, research the facility or testing site before you go.
- If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, contact the SMP program at 1-800-233-1737.

**Reporting Medicare fraud:** If you think you have spotted fraud, report it right away. ND SMP will help seniors prevent, detect and report Medicare fraud. If you see anything suspicious, contact the ND SMP at [ndsmp@minotstateu.edu](mailto:ndsmp@minotstateu.edu) or call 1-800-233-1737 or 701-858-3580. For non-Medicare fraud issues, contact the ND Attorney General's Office at 1-800S-472-2600.

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**North Dakota Senior Medicare Patrol Phone: 800-233-1737 or (701) 858-3580**  
For more information or to locate your SMP, visit <https://ndcpd.org/smp/>

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