



Preventing Medicare Fraud

ND SMP Scam of the Month – January 2025

New Years' Resolution: Commit to a Scam-Free Year!

Wishing you a Happy 2025! A new year brings a fresh start! Let's take this opportunity to educate ourselves about scams and how to avoid them.

New Years' Resolution to stay scam free:

I will PREVENT scams:

- Stay alert for "red flags," such as requests for personal information like your Medicare or Social Security number.
- Protect yourself by avoiding sharing sensitive information over the phone or online.

I will DETECT scams:

- Carefully review Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) or Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) to make sure all charges are accurate.
- Use a calendar or journal to track your doctor's appointments for reference.

I will REPORT scams:

- If something seems suspicious, speak up! Start by contacting your healthcare provider to confirm if it's a billing error.
- Report Medicare scams—such as unauthorized use of your Medicare number or suspicious billing—by contacting the ND Senior Medicare Patrol.

Scams to watch out for in 2025:

- Telehealth scams
- AI-generated impersonation scams
- "Fake" medical device scams
- Data breach exploitation scams

Let's make this year a safe and scam-free one!

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 or call 1-833-818-0029. For non-Medicare fraud issues, contact the ND Attorney General's Office at 1-800-472-2600.

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North Dakota Senior Medicare Patrol Phone: 833-818-0029 or (701) 858-3580

For more information or to locate your SMP, visit <https://ndcpd.org/smp/>

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