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# Healthcare Fraud Alert

## Open Enrollment Fraud

As open enrollment approaches, we see a significant increase in scams targeting Medicare beneficiaries. Senior Medicare Patrol would like you to beware of the following scams:

- ❖ Phone calls from people that claim to be from Medicare or the Federal Government asking you to verify or update your Medicare number.
- ❖ An agent using misleading or high-pressure sales tactics to get you to enroll in their plan.
- ❖ Representatives that come to your door, uninvited, or call you if you are not already a member of their plan.
- ❖ Someone offering you cash or gifts for switching to their plan.

To avoid becoming a victim of an open enrollment scam, hang up the phone if you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from Medicare or Social Security. Call your local SHIP (Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program) if you are unsure about a plan or need assistance choosing a plan.

Remember: Medicare's Open Enrollment begins on October 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) would like you to remember these tips:

- ❖ Do not give your Medicare number or other personal information to strangers.
- ❖ Review your medical statements for potential errors, fraud, or abuse.
- ❖ Call SMP at 1-877-272-8720 to learn more or if you have been a victim of this scam.

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