

Key Message and Tips for Beneficiaries:

Common Types of Fraud and Abuse



Message

Medicaid fraud is when a person intentionally reports false information for services they are not entitled to receive.[1] Medicaid fraud wastes tax dollars that could be spent on medical services beneficiaries need. Most people with Medicaid are honest and do not try to commit fraud, but if you don't know the rules, you may do something wrong.

TIPS

- Tell the truth on your Medicaid application;
- Keep your Medicaid card in a safe place;
- Don't share your Medicaid card, number, or personal information with anyone other than your health care provider;
- Don't loan or sell your Medicaid number to anyone;
- Don't sign blank medical forms;
- Ask for a copy of everything you sign; and
- Make a report if you think someone else used your Medicaid number.

If you suspect fraud, report it. You can find contact information at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Fraud-Prevention/FraudAbuseforConsumers/Report_Fraud_and_Suspected_Fraud.html on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

For more information about Medicaid Program Integrity, visit <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Fraud-Prevention/Medicaid-Integrity-Education/edmic-landing.html> on the CMS Medicaid Program Integrity Education website.

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