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You Can Help Fight Medicare Fraud with These Simple Steps:

1. Review your Medicare Summary Notices (MSN) to make sure they're accurate. Check them early—the sooner you see and report errors, the sooner we can stop fraud. To view your MSNs, [login to MyMedicare.gov](#), or call 1-800-MEDICARE.
2. Never give your Medicare number to get a free offer or gift.
3. Learn how to protect your personal information. Call Iowa SMP at **1-800-423-2449**.
4. Be on the lookout for suspicious activity.
5. Know who you can trust.
6. Remember, Medicare does not call or visit to sell you anything.

SCAMMERS ARE CALLING.....I WANT! I WANT! I WANT! DON'T DO IT.....Protect Yourself, Don't Let Them Take Your Money!

Beware of the following requests or statements.....

1. I only need your Medicare number before sending your FREE item.
2. Please verify your Social Security number?
3. What is your birthdate?
4. Please confirm your full name and address?
5. Please send the required amount in an I-tune card for payment.
6. Before I can send your lottery winnings, please forward money for taxes and delivery.
7. Before mailing your FREE item I do need to verify your credit card information for shipping fees.
8. Please wire the requested small fee using Western Union or Money Gram.
9. Your loan/grant will be deposited into your account soon after you confirm your banking information.

Invest in caller-id for your phone. Do not answer if you do not recognize the number calling. Allow the caller to leave a voice mail. Never give out your personal information. It's ok to be rude, hang up on scammers! If you have responded to some of the above questions with a stranger, your identity may already be compromised.