

Toll Free Medicaid Hotline

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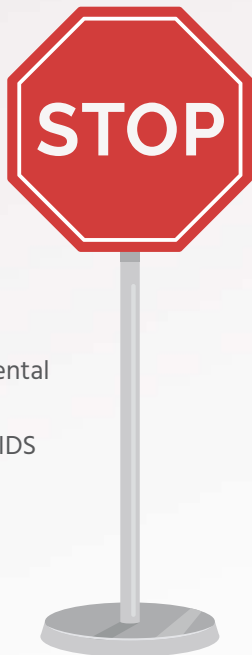
Stop Medicaid Fraud

To protect you and Medicaid, we must work together to reduce costs. With help from honest health care providers, suppliers, law enforcement, and citizens like you, Medicaid is doing a better job of preventing fraud and identifying theft.

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How to Identify and Report Medicaid Fraud



You Can Help Stop Medicaid Fraud and Abuse

How Does Medicaid Fraud Affect Me?

Medicaid is a federal/state cost-sharing program that provides care to people who are otherwise unable to pay. The program is administered in NY by the office of the Medicaid Inspector General.

When healthcare providers steal from Medicaid they decrease resources available to residents who would have otherwise qualified for the Medicaid program. To compensate for such fraud, the State must either raise taxes or decrease services in other areas.

What is Medicaid Provider Fraud?

Medicaid providers include doctors, dentists, hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, pharmacies, ambulance companies and anyone else who is paid by the Medicaid program. Medicaid provider fraud takes many forms.



Examples of Medicaid Fraud Include:

- Billing for services not actually provided.
- Providing unnecessary services.
- Billing for a more expensive treatment or medication than the one actually provided.
- Billing for more time than actually provided.
- Billing for services separately that should legitimately be one billing.
- Billing more than once for the same medical service.
- Dispensing generic drugs but billing for brand-name drugs.
- Giving or accepting something of value in return for services or referrals, i.e., kickbacks.
- Billing for visits that never took place.
- Someone uses a Medicaid number that is not their own or loans their card to other persons for their use.
- Billing for missed appointments or telephoned services.

What Can You Do?

- Protect yourself from identity theft. Keep personal information safe.
- Do not give your Medicaid ID number to anyone, except your doctor, clinic hospital or other health care provider.
- Be suspicious of anyone who offers you free services in exchange for your Medicaid card number.
- Do not let anyone borrow your Medicaid ID Card or Social Security Card.
- Keep your personal information in a safe place.
- Question services that seem unreasonable or excessive. Review your Explanation of Benefits.
- If you are in a residential facility, check any personal funds account regularly.
- If you suspect fraud or abuse, please report it by calling toll free:

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