



## SCAM SPOTLIGHT

### DON'T LET THE SCAMMERS *CHOOSE YOU!*

Open Enrollment gives people with Medicare an opportunity to review their coverage. It also brings an increase in calls, texts, and advertisements from scammers and misleading marketers. They may promise “new Medicare benefits,” grocery or flex cards, money back, or other extras to get your Medicare number or personal information

#### *WATCH FOR THESE RED FLAGS*

- Someone says they need to **VERIFY YOUR MEDICARE NUMBER** or send you a “new” Medicare card.
- A caller threatens that your **BENEFITS WILL BE CANCELED** unless you act immediately.
- You're pressured to **SWITCH MEDICARE PLANS RIGHT AWAY.**
- Someone offers **FREE BENEFITS, MONEY, OR GIFT CARDS** for your Medicare information.
- A salesperson comes to your home **WITHOUT AN INVITATION** to sell you a Medicare plan.

#### *PROTECT YOURSELF*

- Treat your Medicare number like a credit card number.
- Don't give your number to someone who contacts you unexpectedly.
- Take your time, ask questions, and don't let anyone pressure you into changing your coverage.

#### *REMEMBER*

Legitimate plan benefits vary.  
Never give your Medicare number to an unexpected caller just to find out what you may qualify for.



**SMP**  
Senior Medicare Patrol  
Preventing Medicare Fraud

If you receive a suspicious Medicare call or think your Medicare number has been compromised, contact:

Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol

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