



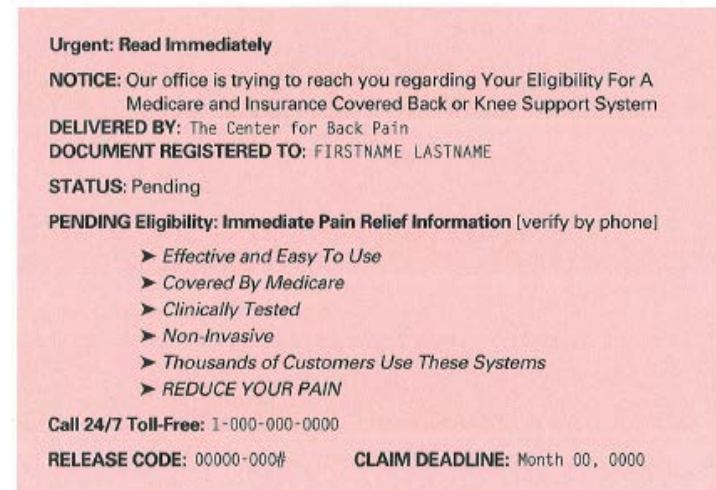
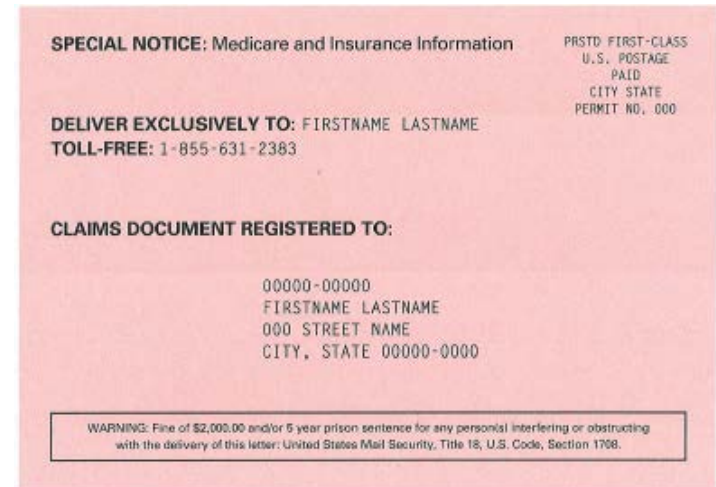
SMP Medicare Fraud Alert: Durable Medical Equipment Scam involving back, knee and other types of braces.

Telemarketers claiming to work with Medicare are illegally soliciting beneficiaries by offering free braces. Solicitation is also happening through television ads and post cards like the one shown on the right.

Telemarketers are calling beneficiaries several times a day, day after day saying they can help with their pain. They obtain their Medicare numbers and then make money off of billing Medicare. Some beneficiaries unknowingly say yes, others are mailed items they never agreed to receive. Beneficiaries may be responsible for copayment of these items. One CT woman was charged \$761.

If you hear of people affected by this scam have them call their local Agency on Aging at 1-800-994-9422 and ask to speak with someone from the Senior Medicare Patrol.

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