



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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SPECIAL NOTICE: Medicare and Insurance Information

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U.S. POSTAGE
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CLAIMS DOCUMENT REGISTERED TO:

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FIRSTNAME LASTNAME
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CITY_STATE 00000-0000

WARNING: Fine of \$2,000.00 and/or 5 year prison sentence for any personal interfering or obstructing
with the delivery of this letter: United States Mail Security, Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1708.

Urgent: Read Immediately

NOTICE: Our office is trying to reach you regarding Your Eligibility For A Medicare and Insurance Covered Back or Knee Support System

DELIVERED BY: The Center for Back Pain

DOCUMENT REGISTERED TO: FIRSTNAME LASTNAME

STATUS: Pending

PENDING Eligibility: Immediate Pain Relief Information [verify by phone]

- ➤ Effective and Easy To Use
- > Covered By Medicare
- ➤ Clinically Tested
- ➤ Non-Invasive
- > Thousands of Customers Use These Systems
- > REDUCE YOUR PAIN

Call 24/7 Toll-Free: 1-000-000-0000

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CLAIM DEADLINE: Month 00, 0000

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