

Please see the following information on protecting yourself during the COVID-19 Pandemic from the Office of Inspector General (OIG). Additional information can be found by visiting the OIG webpage at <https://oig.hhs.gov/>.

Protect Yourself

- *Beneficiaries should be cautious of unsolicited requests for their Medicare or Medicaid numbers or personal/medical/financial information. Medicare will not call beneficiaries to offer COVID-19 related products, services, or benefit review.*
- *Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately. Keep in mind that if your personal information is compromised, it may be used in other fraud schemes.*
- *Do not respond to, or open hyperlinks in, text messages about COVID-19 from unknown individuals.*
- *Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites. If you make an appointment for a COVID-19 test online, ensure the location is an actual testing site.*
- *A physician or other trusted healthcare provider should assess your medical condition and approve any requests for COVID-19 testing.*
- *Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone claiming to offer HHS grants related to COVID-19.*
- *Be aware of scammers pretending to be COVID-19 contact tracers. Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare number, financial information, or attempt to set up a COVID-19 test for you and collect payment information for the test.*
- *If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, [report it immediately online](#) or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).*