

The Medicare Map . . .

Helping you and your clients navigate the Medicare Maze



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March 9th was National Slam the Scam day, the Social Security Administration's intent is to raise awareness of Social Security related and other government imposter scams.

Being aware of Social Security and Medicare scams helps protect elder clients from fraud and abuse. Financial advisors can help clients avoid being victimized by educating them about scam techniques and the psychological strategies scammers often use.

The letter below from the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General is a great resource for clients: https://oig.ssa.gov/assets/uploads/scam-alert-press-release-march-2023.pdf

Recognize the four basic signs of a scam:

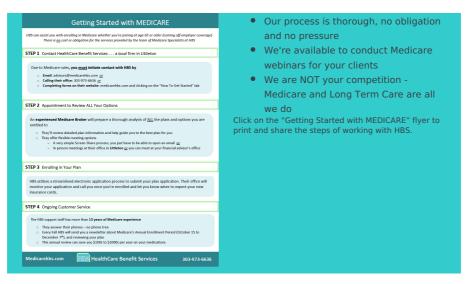
- 1. Scammers pretend to be from a familiar organization or agency, like the Social Security Administration. They may email attachments with official-looking logos, seals, signatures, or pictures of employee credentials.
- 2. Scammers mention a problem or a prize. They may say your Social Security number was involved in a crime or ask for personal information to process a benefit increase.
- 3. Scammers pressure you to act immediately. They may threaten you with arrest or legal action.
- Scammers tell you to pay using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may also tell you to transfer your money to a "safe" account.

Additional information can be found at:

https://www.ssa.gov/scam/?utm_campaign=oig-scam-23&utm_content=scam-urlfeb2023&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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