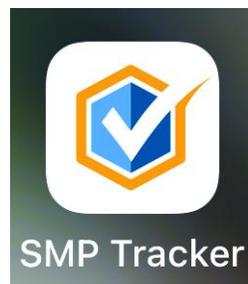


# Medicare Fraud and Abuse

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No matter how much you try to avoid Medicare fraud and abuse, it is hard to avoid it completely. The time prior to Annual Open Enrollment (October 15 to December 7) the phone calls and emails increase. Recently, SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) developed and launched an app to keep you informed and send you alerts about Medicare scams and fraud. You need to do two things;

1-Remember that Social Security and Medicare will never call you unless you have specifically called them and requested information where they need to have a counselor return your call. Never give your Medicare number to anyone who calls you to 'verify' your number or offer you 'free' stuff.



2-Download the free SMP Medicare tracker app from your Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

This app offers scam alerts, educational content, an interactive fraud-spotting game and a digital healthcare tracker to help you monitor and report suspicious activity related to your Medicare benefits.