



Genetic Testing Scam

Medicare beneficiaries are being targeted by companies claiming Medicare fully covers a cheek swab that tests for all cancers, how your body processes prescriptions, and a variety of other genetic hereditary diseases. Remember these tips:

- **Genetic tests and cancer screening** must be **medically necessary** and **ordered by your treating physician** to be covered by Medicare.
- **Colorectal Cancer** is the **ONLY preventive genetic screening test** covered by Medicare, and it is not a cheek swab.
- **Be Suspicious of:**
 - ✓ Tests ordered by someone other than your doctor
 - ✓ Tests conducted at your home, a health fair or senior center
 - ✓ The words “gene analysis” or “molecular pathology” on an MSN may indicate questionable genetic testing.
- **Report it:**
 - ✓ If you are contacted by anyone who offers these tests, don't do it! Report it to your NYS Senior Medicare Patrol at **800-333-4374**.

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