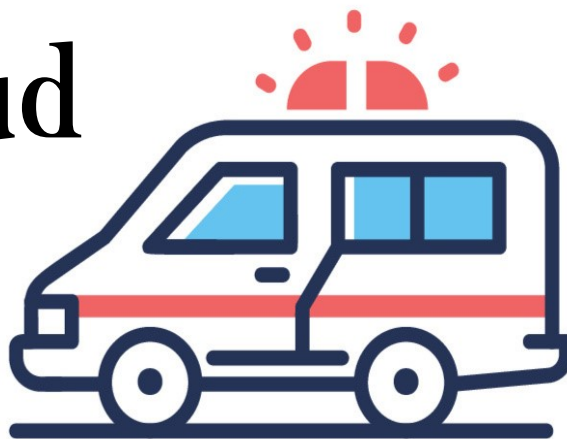


Ambulance Fraud

Ambulance fraud occurs when Medicare is charged for services that are not medically necessary. Medicare Part B only covers medically necessary ambulance services when certain strict criteria are met.



When Does Medicare Cover Ambulance Services?

- The transportation is medically necessary
- It is the only means of transporting the patient safely
- The destination is to the nearest appropriate facility that can treat the patient's condition

Fraud Schemes:

- Falsification of documentation to provide the appearance of medical necessity
- Billing for more miles than traveled for transport
- Billing the beneficiary instead of Medicare

What Can You Do to Stop Ambulance Fraud?

- Review your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) and/or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) and look for the following:
 - ⇒ The services listed match what you actually received
 - ⇒ The mileage billed isn't more than the distance traveled

Report it:

- If you find billing errors or have concerns, report it to your NYS Senior Medicare Patrol at **800-333-4374**.

