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**.