

Watch Out for Scams During the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period

Open Enrollment is from OCT 15 through DEC 7

As you look for your best health coverage options, don't forget to keep an eye open for fraudsters! Open Enrollment can quickly become an "Open Season" for scammers. Watch out for people who:

- 1** Claim they work with Medicare, are an "official Medicare agent" or "represent Medicare". There are no Medicare representatives and Medicare will never cold-call you.
- 2** Say you must join a Medicare prescription plan (also known as Part D). It is voluntary to join a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 3** Ask for personal information, such as your Medicare number, Social Security number and/or bank information.
- 4** Threaten or pressure you to enroll in their plan. You will not lose your benefits and have the entire Open Enrollment Period to make a decision
- 5** Offer you gifts to enroll in their plan -- it's illegal.

If you suspect your Medicare number or Social Security Number has been compromised, think you've been enrolled in a plan without your permission, or if you have any questions about Medicare fraud and how to detect and prevent it, contact your NYS Senior Medicare Patrol.

Call 800-333-4374
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