



SCAM ALERT

Catheter Kits

Medicare beneficiaries across the country are finding charges worth thousands of dollars on their Medicare statements related to urinary catheters that were not needed or received.

The suspicious claim shows charges for 200+ urinary catheter kits being billed to Medicare for amounts ranging from \$1,200 - \$2,400.

Protect Yourself

- If you receive medical supplies such as catheter kits in the mail, don't accept it unless it was ordered by your physician.
- Be suspicious of those who offer you "free" medical supplies, then ask for your health insurance information.
- Medicare Beneficiaries should always be cautious of any unsolicited requests for their Medicare number.
- Review Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) and Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) for claims out of state or by a doctor you've never seen before.



If you are billed for services or supplies that you didn't receive or weren't ordered by your doctor, report it to the NYS Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP). Our certified counselors provide educational presentations and can help with questions, concerns, or complaints about potential fraud or abuse.

Call the NYS SMP Helpline at 800-333-4374.



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