Protect Yourself from Medicare Fraud & Scams

COMMON SCAMS TARKETING SENIOR

- Scams offering free medical equipment for Medicare numbers
- Fake calls asking for information or threatening benefit cancellation
- Phishing emails/texts requesting verification
- Door-to-door fraud posing as Medicare reps offering free screenings

PROTECT YOUR MEDICARE NUMDBER

Treat it like a credit card - keep it safe and secure

✓ NEVER give it to:

- Unsolicited callers
- Door-to-door salespeople
- Anyone offering "free" items

✓ ONLY share with:

- Your trusted doctors
- Authorized Medicare reps (when YOU call them)

✓ Review your Medicare Summary Notices regularly

✓ Shred documents with your Medicare number

✓ Only carry your medicare card when you need to use it

MEDICARE WILL NEVER...

❌ Call asking for your Medicare number or bank information.

❌ Call or visit to sell you anything.

❌ Threaten to cancel benefits.

❌ Demand immediate payment over the phone.

❌ Ask for gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency.

FREE HELP IS AVAILABLE!

Virgin Islands State Health Insurance Assistance Program (VI SHIP) Counselors

- St. Thomas/St. John: 340-774-2991 **Ext. 4507 or 4508**
- St. Croix: 340-773-6449 **Ext. 3151 or 3152**

Senior Medicare Patrol VI

- 877-784-0228

Medicare Hotline

- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)
- TTY 1-877-486-2048 (24/7)

STAY ALERT. STAY SAFE. STAY INFORMED.

Your Medicare benefits are valuable. Protect them!