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MEDICARE
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Healthcare Fraud Alert

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LOUISIANA Senior Medicare Patrol, The Louisiana Attorney General and the US Department of Health and Human Services want you to protect yourself from possible Medicare fraud.

Free Back Braces

Senior Medicare Patrol programs in North Carolina, Iowa and Pennsylvania have received reports from beneficiaries who have received phone calls from companies wanting to send them a free back brace. The beneficiary simply needs to give the caller a Medicare number. When the beneficiary tries to follow up with the company, the phone number given for the company has been disconnected.

We have not received reports of this occurring in Louisiana, but we know these scams spread quickly.

Remember: Do not give your Medicare number to telephone solicitors, sales people and people you are not familiar with – once given, Medicare can be billed time and again with your number for services you do not want and have not authorized.

This alert has been brought to you by the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General, Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Inspector General and Louisiana SMP.

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