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Protect yourself and Medicare against fraud by reviewing your Medicare claims for errors and reporting anything suspicious to Medicare.

When you get health care services, record the dates on a calendar and save the receipts and statements you get from providers to check for mistakes.

Compare the dates and services on your calendar with the statements you get from Medicare to make sure you got each service listed and that all the details are correct.

- These include the "Medicare Summary Notice" (MSN) if you have Original Medicare, or similar statements that list the services you got or prescriptions you filled.
- Check your claims early—the sooner you see and report errors, the sooner we can stop fraud. To view your claims as soon as they're processed, <u>log into MyMedicare.gov</u>, or call us at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

If you find items listed in your claims that you don't have a record of, it's possible that you or Medicare may have been billed for services or items you didn't get.

If you think a charge is incorrect and you know the provider, you may want to call their office to ask about it. The person you speak to may help you better understand the services or supplies you got. Or, your provider may realize a billing error was made.

If you've contacted the provider and you suspect that Medicare is being charged for health care you didn't get, or you don't know the provider on the claim, find out how to report fraud.

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