

**SMP  
MEDICARE TIPS**

**TEN TIPS  
TREE!  
(TTT)**

**2. ASK FRIENDS/  
NEIGHBORS TO  
PICK UP MAIL  
WHILE YOU ARE  
AWAY**

**1. DO NOT GIVE YOUR  
MEDICARE NUMBER  
TO ANYONE EXCEPT  
YOUR TRUSTED  
PROVIDER**

**3. SHRED  
IMPORTANT  
DOCUMENTS  
BEFORE  
THROWING  
THEM AWAY**

**4. READ YOUR  
MEDICARE  
SUMMARY  
NOTICES  
(MSN)  
CAREFULLY  
FOR MISTAKES**

**7. COUNT YOUR  
PRESCRIPTION  
PILLS! IF THEY ARE  
SHORT GO BACK &  
TELL THE  
PHARMACIST**

**5. USE A CALENDAR  
OR HEALTH  
CARE  
JOURNAL  
TO RECORD  
ALL DOCTOR  
VISITS**

**8. MEDICARE  
PART D PLANS  
CHANGE  
ANNUALLY!  
BENEFICIARIES  
SHOULD REVIEW  
OPTIONS**

**6. COMPARE YOUR  
CALENDAR  
WITH YOUR  
MEDICARE  
SUMMARY  
NOTICES  
(MSN)**

**9. MEDICARE DOES  
NOT CALL  
BENEFICIARIES!  
DO NOT SPEAK TO  
ANY CALLER  
CLAIMING TO BE A  
MEDICARE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

**10. MEDICARE LOSES  
BILLIONS OF DOLLARS A  
YEAR. IT IS UP TO YOU TO  
HELP FIGHT FRAUD!**

**ALL THE BEST!**



If you think you're the victim of health care fraud, call the Senior Medicare Patrol of Idaho toll-free at 1-800-247-4422. We are a federally funded program that works to educate and empower seniors to protect themselves and their loved ones from Medicare scams. Our services are free. Check "Additional Resources" at our website: <http://www.aging.idaho.gov/smp/index.html> for tips on preventing health care fraud, waste, and abuse.

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