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MEDICARE SUMMARY NOTICES ARE CHANGING!

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A core tenant of Senior Medicare Patrol's educational message on detecting Medicare fraud is urging beneficiaries to check their Medicare Summary Notice (MSNs) for inaccurate and potentially fraudulent information. MSNs are statements that you receive that list claims that Medicare has paid on your behalf. With this in mind, we wish to update beneficiaries on a significant change Medicare has made with the frequency you should expect to receive these statements. While formerly mailed out quarterly, you will now receive these MSNs every 6 months. This change reduces paper use and mailing costs, but it also means longer gaps between updates for beneficiaries. With fewer mailed notices, it may take more time to identify:

- Billing errors (services you didn't receive)
- Fraudulent claims (unauthorized charges)
- Overcharges or duplicate billing

The longer these issues go unnoticed, the more difficult they can be to fix. Catching problems early is one of the best ways to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare system. Even with this change, one way to stay on top of your claims more frequently is to sign up for electronic MSNs through Medicare.gov. With electronic delivery, you can:

- View claims sooner—often within days of processing
- Check your activity more regularly
- Spot suspicious charges early

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How to Sign Up for Electronic MSNs

1. Visit <https://www.medicare.gov/>
2. Log in or create a secure account
3. Select “**eMSN**” (electronic Medicare Summary Notice) delivery
4. Opt in to receive email alerts when new claims are posted



Switching to electronic MSNs gives you near real-time access to your information, helping you stay informed and better protected against fraud. If you are uncomfortable or unable to make an account online to check your Medicare charges more frequently, it is all the more important to keep records of your medical visits in a healthcare journal or planner so you can compare these visits to what Medicare is paying for once the statements do arrive. For more tips on how to help detect fraud in Medicare or to report potential Medicare fraud, you can call our toll-free SMP Hotline at 877-272-8720.

THE MEDICARE SCAMMER SLAMMER



Each quarter we like to provide information and insight on individuals who have been convicted of defrauding Medicare. It is with the help of reports from individuals like you that scammers and fraudsters are brought to justice. This quarter we are highlighting an article from JDSUPRA News and DOJ Press Releases:

The DOJ's Healthcare Fraud Crackdown: Six Convictions, Three Weeks

Notorious Fugitive Arrested in Connection with \$547 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme

Nurse Practitioner Sentenced to 87 Months in Prison for \$12 Million Medicare Fraud

Webinar Wednesdays w/ SMP



August 26th 10:30CT/11:30ET - Home Health & Hospice Fraud

September 30th 10:30CT/11:30ET - Fraud-Free Enrollment

Wednesday, October 28th 10:30CT/11:30ET - AI Scams

Click on links above to register.



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