



West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner

CONSUMER ALERT

Genetic Testing Scam

Scammers are offering free genetic testing to Medicare beneficiaries as a way to gain access to the beneficiaries' Medicare number and personal information. This information can be used for identity theft, fraudulent billing and other fraud schemes.

Protect Yourself

- ✓ Do not accept a genetic testing kit, unless it was ordered by your physician.
- ✓ Be suspicious of anyone who offers you free genetic testing and then request your Medicare number.
- ✓ Only provide your personal information, including your Medicare number to your physician that you know and trust.
- ✓ Return any genetic testing kit to sender and keep a record of the sender's name so you can report suspected Medicare fraud.

(Medicare Fraud Hotline 1-800-447-8477)

If you need assistance with any type of insurance, or are concerned about a call you have received, please call the West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner Consumer Services Division at 1-888-879-9842, or visit our webpage at www.wvinsurance.gov .