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Medicare Fraud

A Multi-Agency Perspective

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Panel Presenters

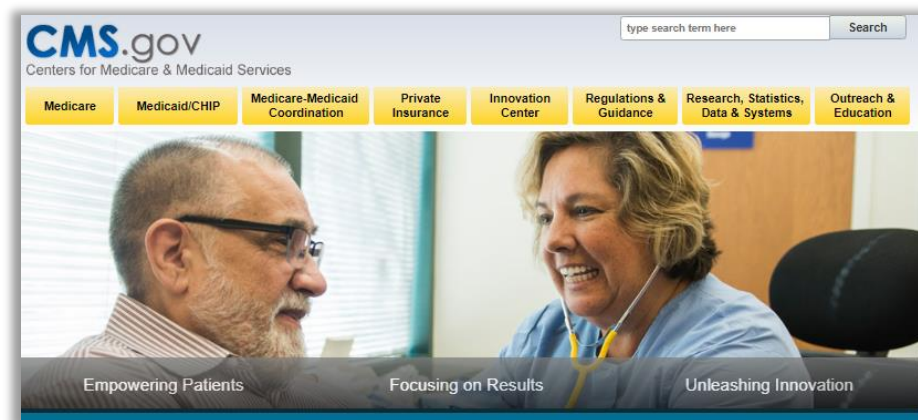
- Lawrence Ball
 - CMS Center for Program Integrity (CMS-CPI)
- Michael Cohen
 - HHS Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG)
- Tangita Daramola
 - CMS Office of Hearings and Inquiries (CMS-OHI)
- Jennifer Trussell
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Tangita Daramola (CMS-OHI)

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Lawrence Ball (CMS-CPI)

- The Role of CMS CPI
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Michael Cohen (HHS-OIG)

- The Role of HHS OIG
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Jennifer Trussell (SHIP/SMP)

- Genetic Testing Fraud Overview
- Scheme Detection by SMP
- ACL/SMP/OIG Coordination
- Action by ACL/SMP
 - Fraud Alert & Articles
 - Data Analytics
 - Coordination with OIG
 - Media Interest and Outreach
 - SMPNRC Resources




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SMP National Resource Center

- Genetic Testing Fraud Infographic
- Genetic Testing Fraud Fact Sheet
- Genetic Testing Fraud Medicare Beneficiary Q&A
- Press Release Template
- Community Partner Letter
- <https://www.smpresource.org/Content/Medicare-Fraud/Fraud-Schemes/Genetic-Testing-Fraud.aspx>



Genetic Testing Fraud

Tips for Protecting Yourself and Medicare

Genetic testing scams are currently a widespread issue throughout the country. Scammers are offering Medicare beneficiaries cheek swabs for genetic testing to obtain their Medicare information for identity theft or fraudulent billing purposes.

What is Genetic Testing Fraud?


Genetic testing fraud occurs when Medicare is billed for a test or screening that was not medically necessary and/or was not ordered by a beneficiary's treating physician.

What are Examples of Genetic Testing Fraud?

- A company offering you "free" testing without a treating physician's order and then billing Medicare. These tests go by many names and claim to test for many things. Here are some examples of ways you may see this advertised:
 - Cancer screening / test
 - DNA screening / test
 - Hereditary cancer screening / test
 - Dementia screening / test
 - Parkinson's screening / test
 - Pharmacogenomics – medication metabolism
- A company providing a test or screening that you never requested or that you do not need
- A company billing Medicare for screening services that are not covered by Medicare or for screenings that do not apply to you
- A company requesting your Medicare number at a community event, a local fair, a farmer's market, a parking lot, or any other event

What Happens if Medicare Denies the Genetic Test Claims?

- You could be responsible for the entire cost of the test! The average is \$9,000-\$11,000.



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Closing Comments

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