



Preventing Medicare Fraud

CORONAVIRUS TESTING SCAM

There are two types of tests to determine if you are positive for Covid-19, the PCR and the rapid antigen in-home test.

Medicare will pay for Covid-19 testing under the following circumstances:

- When your doctor orders a Covid-19 PCR test because you believe you have been exposed to Covid-19.
- When you request a Covid-19 PCR test at a local pharmacy.
- When you purchase rapid antigen Covid-19 testing kits at your local pharmacy and present your Medicare card. Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans will pay for four testing kits per month for each beneficiary.

REMEMBER: Never accept a test from someone:

- Who comes to your door.
- Who approaches you at the grocery store or other community venues like a parking lot.
- Who calls you on the telephone, offering a mail-in test in exchange for your Medicare number.
- Who calls you and asks for money, your bank card, or account information to pay for a test.

If someone comes knocking at your door with offers of coronavirus testing, do not let them in. Call your local police department. To speak to an MA SMP Program representative, call 800-892-0890. To report suspicious testing offers, email ReportAScam@MASMP.org or call the MA SMP Report-A-Scam line at 978-946-1243.

REMEMBER: Never give out your Medicare number to someone you don't know and trust.

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