## **BRACE YOURSELF** DON'T FALL FOR DECEPTIVE MARKETING!

A warning from the Massachusetts Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program



## **Protect Yourself Against Scams and Deceptive Marketing**

- **Do not provide** your Medicare number to anyone, except your trusted medical providers.
- Medicare and Social Security will NOT call you and ask for personal information, medicare or social security numbers.
- **Hang up** if anyone calls offering you free products or claiming to be from Medicare to obtain your personal information. **Beware!**
- **Do not reply** to any postcards you receive in the mail offering free braces, creams, pain medication, or other products.
- Do not respond to deceptive and enticing TV ads.
- **Do not accept or open** surprise packages containing medical equipment your doctor did not order.

## **REMEMBER! NOTHING IS FREE!**

REPORT such scams, deceptive calls, receipt of items your doctor did not order, and any other suspicious activities related to Medicare to the Massachusetts Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program. Call 978-946-1243 or email ReportAScam@MASMP.org.

For additional guidance or to speak with an MA SMP Program representative call 800-892-0890 or visit www.MASMP.org.

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