Medicare Recipients Brace Yourselves for Back & Knee Brace Scams



How to Respond to the Brace Scam



- 1. Report any unordered DME items as FRAUD to 1-800-MEDICARE as soon as possible.
- 2. Contact supplier about return. Return should be no cost to beneficiary.
- 3. If you return item, be sure to get a receipt for the return.
- 4. Check your MSN to see the name of the ordering provider. Be sure to tell 1-800-MEDICARE if you have never seen this person.
- 5. 3 to 4 weeks after you report the fraud to 1-800-MEDICARE, you should receive an adjusted MSN showing that Medicare has approved a \$0.00 amount for the claim. (This means that Medicare has or will recoup the payment.)
- 6. If you prefer, the SMP of NJ can do the above for you. In order to do this we need to open a file and will need your personal Medicare information.

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