

Tip to Help Prevent Fraud

There are things you can do to help fight fraud and abuse in Medicaid.

- Look at your Medicaid bill carefully to make sure that Medicaid has been billed for medical services or goods that you really received. Check to see that the date of service is correct.
- **DO NOT** give your Medicaid card number to anyone except your doctor, clinic, hospital or other health care provider.
- **DO NOT** let anyone borrow your Medicaid card. Treat your card the way you treat your credit card.
- **DO NOT** ask your doctor or other health care provider for medical care that you do not need.
- **DO NOT** sign your name to a blank form.
- Ask for a copy of everything you sign. Keep the copy for your records.
- **DO NOT** share your Medicaid records or other medical information with anyone except your doctor, clinic, hospital or other health care provider.
- If you are offered free tests or screenings in exchange for your Medicaid card number, be suspicious. Be careful about accepting Medicaid services when you are told they will be free of charge.
- **DO NOT** give your Medicaid card number to anyone or do business with door-to-door or telephone sales people who tell you that services of medical equipment are free.
- Give your Medicaid identification card only to those who have provided you with medical services.
- Never allow a medical provider to bill for services rendered without contacting you first.
- If anyone claims they know how to make Medicaid pay for health care services or goods that Medicaid usually does not pay for, you should avoid them.