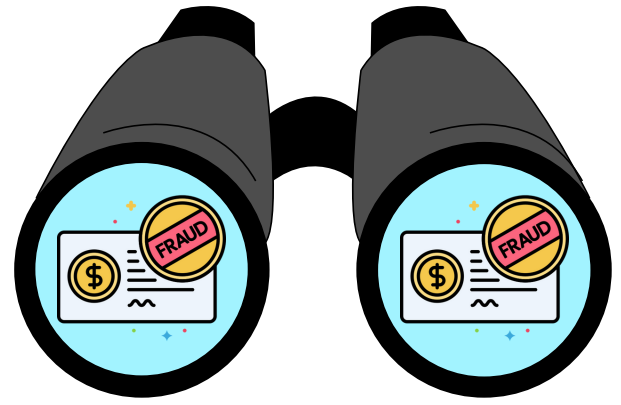


WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS



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As you look for your best health coverage options, don't forget to keep an eye out for **fraudsters!** Open Enrollment can quickly become an "Open Season" for scammers. Watch out for these warning signs:

1



They claim to represent Medicare

Medicare will never call you out of the blue to sell a plan. If someone says they're an "official Medicare agent," hang up.

2



They ask for personal information

Never give your Medicare number, Social Security number, bank or credit card info to an unsolicited caller or visitor.

3



They pressure or threaten you

Scammers use fear and deadlines. You will not lose your benefits for refusing to enroll now.

4



They offer gifts or rewards to enroll

Offering gifts (over \$15) to sign up for a plan is illegal. Don't let free offers rush you into decisions.

If you suspect your Medicare number has been compromised or you've been enrolled in a plan without your permission, **contact the New York State Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)**

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