



## DID YOU KNOW?

Medicare does not allow doctors to charge for writing a prescription. A typical doctor's visit involves a review of your medical history, discussion of a condition or symptom, examination and/or treatment. A prescription is part of your treatment and is included in the cost of the doctor's office visit.

Some doctors may charge a cash-only fee. Requiring patients to pay cash is not illegal, but it is an unusual business practice and may be a sign of potential fraud, waste or abuse.

Beware of a doctor who requires cash payment, and report those who charge a fee for a prescription, especially when there is no medical exam.

**To discuss benefits, coverage or claims payment concerns, contact Customer Service at:**

**To report suspected Medicare Part C or D fraud, call:  
1-877-7SafeRx (1-877-772-3379)**



## DO YOUR PART

Taking prescription drugs you do not need or that are not appropriate for your condition can be dangerous. Some dishonest physicians prescribe unnecessary medications just so they can bill Medicare. Take these steps to protect yourself:

- Do not accept a prescription from a doctor if you have not had an office visit or examination from the doctor.
- Ask your pharmacist about any medications—what they are used for, possible drug interactions and side effects.
- Review your plan statement for any charges for services you did not receive.
- Call your health plan if you have any questions or suspect fraud.

For questions about Medicare  
or for more information, call:

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

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