



## **WARNING!**

**Genetic tests must be ordered by your doctor to be covered by Medicare.**

Some labs may offer a cheek swab for genetic testing as part of a “free” health screening in order to obtain your Medicare information for identity theft or fraudulent billing purposes.

Before you agree to genetic testing, be sure:

- The test is ordered by your doctor
- The genetic test is medically necessary and covered by your plan

**To discuss benefit, coverage, claims payment or other concerns, contact**

**Customer Service at:**

**To report suspected fraud, call:**

**1-877-7SafeRx (1-877-772-3379)**



## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THIS SCAM

A booth at a local health fair, senior housing, community center or home health agency is offering free health screenings, including genetic testing. The representative falsely promises that Medicare will pay for the test, and you simply need to provide a cheek swab, your ID and Medicare information to receive your test results. They may even ask for your doctor's name, implying that they will send your results to your doctor. Unfortunately, now they have your health plan or Medicare number, and they can bill Medicare thousands of dollars for medically unnecessary tests or even services that you never receive. They also have personal genetic information regarding your health.

**Beware: This is a scam.**

**Don't be a victim of Medicare fraud. Protect yourself and your benefits.**

- Never give out your Social Security, Medicare or health plan numbers or banking information to someone you don't know.
- Do not consent to any lab tests without your doctor's order.
- Keep in mind, it is illegal to accept anything of value in exchange for medical services.

**For questions about Medicare or for more information, call:**

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

**[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)**