## **COVID-19 fraud is rapidly evolving. Never Give Your Personal Information Over the Phone!!!!!**

## **Protect Yourself**

- Beneficiaries should be cautious of unsolicited requests for their Medicare or Medicaid numbers.
- Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. If your personal information is compromised, it may be used in other fraud schemes.
- Do not respond to, or open hyperlinks in, text messages about COVID-19 from unknown individuals.
- Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites.
- A physician or other trusted healthcare provider should assess your condition and approve any requests for COVID-19 testing.
- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone claiming to offer HHS grants related to COVID-19.
- Be aware of scammers pretending to be COVID-19 contact tracers.
  Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare number or financial information.
- If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, <u>report it immediately online</u> or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).