



## Fraud Alert: COVID-19 Scams

AvMed, along with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG) would like to raise provider awareness with its regarding bad actors perpetrating fraud schemes related to services for treatment and vaccinations for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Scammers may be impersonating providers or other trusted health care workers trying to target individuals using telemarketing calls, text messages, social media platforms and door-to-door visits to solicit the personal information of patients in order to fraudulently bill federal healthcare programs and commit medical identity theft.

If you would like to learn more please see the [Fraud Alert](#) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General for tips on how your patients can protect themselves.

If you or any of your patients suspect COVID-19 healthcare fraud, it should be reported to AvMed's Provider Service Center at 1-800-452-8633 or it may report directly to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General by filling out a federal [online form](#) or by calling HHS directly at 800-HHS-TIPS 1-800- 447-8477.

Physicians can report their vetted COVID-19 complaints to I-MEDIC using the online referral form or calling 1- 8777SAFERX (1-877-772-3379).

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