

**! Always Double Check the Phone # Dialed! !**

**DOUBLE CHECK THE NUMBER YOU ARE DIALING.**



Even being one number off could get you to someone other than Medicare, that seems like official Medicare!

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Be extra careful when calling places like Medicare. Some companies purchase phone numbers very close to official phone numbers in case you misdial and find them. Make sure when you call places like Medicare, Social Security, or the IRS you confirm you are speaking to the official government agency.

And even though a call coming in looks local, it might not be. Scammers "spoof" phone numbers to have a better chance at someone answering. If you can, just let all calls you don't know go to voicemail. Then, return calls you trust. This is a great way to protect yourself from being scammed.

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**THAT "LOCAL" CALL MAY NOT BE LOCAL, OR SAFE.**  
Let unknown calls go to voicemail to prevent being scammed.



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**If you suspect a scammer is attempting to steal medical identities or confuse seniors into giving out private, confidential information, please call your local Connecticut Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-994-9422 to report these activities.**



Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) provides information needed to **PROTECT** you from Medicare fraud, errors, or abuse; **DETECT** potential fraud, errors, or abuse; and **REPORT** your concerns.

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