

Genetic Testing Scam

Scammers are offering Medicare beneficiaries “free” genetic testing or cheek swabs in order to obtain beneficiaries’ personal information for fraudulent purposes.

Recruiter >

The recruiter (who may also be called a marketer or telemarketer), targets the beneficiary to take a genetic test in person or by mail.

Doctor >

The doctor orders a test for the beneficiary even if it’s not medically necessary. The doctor gets a kickback from the recruiter for ordering the test.

Lab >

The lab runs the test and receives the reimbursement payment from Medicare. The lab shares the proceeds of that payment with the recruiter.

The alleged scheme is current as of September 2019.

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<https://oig.hhs.gov/geneticscam>

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