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## **SMP Sees Cardiovascular Genetic Testing Used in New Fraud Trend**

To stop cardiovascular genetic testing fraud:

- Be sure your doctor has assessed your condition. Although Medicare covers many genetic tests to detect heart disease, these tests do not predict or screen for cardiovascular disease (aka the diseases that affect the heart or blood vessels).
- Do not give out your personal information to anyone who calls you and claims that your cardiologist has requested cardiovascular testing.
- Do not give out your personal information or accept screening services from anyone at a community event, local fair, farmers' market, parking lot, or any other public event.
- Always read your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The words "gene analysis," "molecular pathology," or "laboratory" may indicate questionable genetic testing has occurred.
- If you received a cardiovascular genetic testing kit or test that was not medically necessary, report your concerns about billing errors or possible fraud and abuse to your local SMP at 855-613-7080.