

Senior Medicare Patrol Newsletter

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Medicare/Medicaid complaints? Call our Utah SMP/SHIP partners

Bear River AAA – 435-713-1467

Serves Cache, Rich, and Box Elder counties.

Davis County Health Department – 801-525-5050

Five County AAA – 435-673-3548

Serves Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, and Washington counties.

Mountainland AAA – 801-299-3819
Serves Summit, Utah, and Wasatch counties

Salt Lake County AAA - 385-468-3200

San Juan AAA – 435-587-3225

R6 Regional Council AAA– 435-893-0728
Serves Sanpete, Sevier, Millard, Juab, Wayne, and Piute counties.

Southeastern AAA – 435-613-0028
Serves Carbon, Emery, and Grand counties.

Tooele County AAA – 435-277-2420

Uinta Basin AAA – 435-722-4518
Serves Daggett and Duchesne counties.

Uintah County AAA – 435-789-2169

Weber-Morgan AAA – 801-625-3770

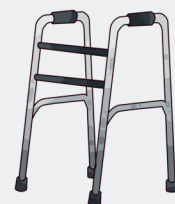
Durable Medical Equipment (DME) fraud

Durable Medical Equipment—or DME—is medical gear that helps you manage a health condition or injury. To be covered by Medicare Part B, this equipment must meet a few basic rules:

- It must be ordered by your doctor.
- It must serve a clear medical purpose.
- It must be sturdy enough to be used over and over again.
- It must be designed for you to use right in your own home.

Medicare pays for many types of DME including:

Standard medical equipment: like blood sugar monitors, walkers, wheelchairs, oxygen machines, and CPAP devices to help you breathe at night.



Braces: like ready-to-wear supportive braces for your back, knee, shoulder, wrist, and ankle.

Medical supplies and prosthetics: like ostomy bags, urological supplies, and certain devices put in by a surgeon (like cochlear implants).

What you can do to stop DME fraud



Verify with your doctor

Always be certain your doctor has assessed your condition and officially ordered the equipment.

1



Never sign a blank form

Avoid signing any blank forms handed to you by health care providers or medical suppliers.

2



Read your statements

Review your Medicare Summary Notice or Explanation of Benefits carefully.

3



Get returns in writing

If you rent and return medical equipment, always get a dated receipt.

4



Guard your cards

Protect your Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security cards like credit cards.

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Be wary of free offers

Do not accept money, gifts, or unnecessary equipment from a supplier in exchange for your Medicare number.

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