

# PROVIDER ALERT

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## CMS and HHS COVID-19 Health Care Fraud Alert

On March 23, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations (HHS/OIG/OI) issued a health care fraud alert, regarding the agency's receipt of COVID-19 complaints. This alert noted that fraudsters are offering COVID-19 tests to Medicare members in exchange for personal details and are targeting the members in a number of ways, to include telemarketing calls, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits. The personal information collected may be used to fraudulently bill Federal health care programs and the unapproved test kits may cause harm to the members.

CMS and HHS/OIG/OI request that your organization forward any complaint to the Investigations Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (I-MEDIC).

Please report your COVID-19 complaints to the I-MEDIC using the referral form located at [https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=9c3a0fee-c06e1692-9c3a3ed1-0cc47adc5fa2-49ad86629cb1bbd3&u=https://www.qlarant.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Qlarant I-MEDIC Complaint Form 2020 03 13.pdf](https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=9c3a0fee-c06e1692-9c3a3ed1-0cc47adc5fa2-49ad86629cb1bbd3&u=https://www.qlarant.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Qlarant-I-MEDIC-Complaint-Form-2020-03-13.pdf).

The I-MEDIC may also be contacted at 877-772-3379.

For questions on this matter, contact CalOptima Provider Relations at **714-246-8600**.

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