

## Health Information Compliance Alert

### Industry Note: Beware of COVID-19 Fraud Through Social Media, IT

Even during a crisis of epic proportions like the COVID-19 pandemic, you must be on the lookout for fraud.

Last month, the **HHS Office of Inspector General** (OIG) updated its site with a COVID-19 fraud alert.

"Scammers are offering COVID-19 tests to Medicare beneficiaries in exchange for personal details, including Medicare information," OIG cautions. "However, the services are unapproved and illegitimate."

"Fraudsters are targeting beneficiaries in a number of ways, including telemarketing calls, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits," says the agency guidance.

Read the alert at [https://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/index.asp?utm\\_source=web&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_campaign=covid19-landing-page](https://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/index.asp?utm_source=web&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=covid19-landing-page).