

It's Senior Fair Season

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It's that time of year. Everywhere you look there is a Senior Crime Expo, Senior Resources Fair, Live Long Health Fair for Seniors or Senior Spring Fling. These events are a great opportunity for you to get out, enjoy the nice weather, visit with friends and take advantage of some free services. Unfortunately, these events can also be a great opportunity for dishonest businessmen or bad healthcare providers to take advantage of you.

When you attend a senior fair, you should participate in all the free services you believe will help you. But, remember, FREE is FREE. If someone offers to check your blood pressure for free, he should not ask for your Medicare or Medicaid card. If someone shows you the newest diabetic shoe styles, she should not ask for your doctor's name and your Medicare information. You must be extremely careful when providing personal healthcare information to strangers.

Most businesses and healthcare providers are honest. But, the dishonest ones will use the offer of something free to get your information so they can charge Medicare or Medicaid for services or equipment you don't need or will never receive.

Enjoy all the spring senior events. Your community hosts these gatherings to help you. Just be careful when someone asks for your healthcare information.

If you have questions or want more information visit our web site at www.stopmedicarefraudla.org or call Louisiana Senior Medicare Patrol at 877-272-8720.

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