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## Fraud Fighters In Action

### SCAM ALERT

Public Health Emergency ends May 11

As the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency ends on 5/11, **Medicare will no longer provide free at-home tests.**

Be on the lookout for scammers who promise free at-home Covid Test Kits if you verify your Medicare number.

*This scam is designed to get your personal information.*

Contact us if you've given out your Medicare number to a caller. We can help you spot suspicious activity on your account.



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### BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

The Covid-19 Public Health Emergency will end Thursday, May 11, 2023. As we all know, the fraudsters took full advantage of the pandemic to scam beneficiaries and Medicare with fake Covid-19 test sites and test kits. With the announcement of the end of the Public Health Emergency, we have seen an uptick of illegitimate Covid-19 test kit offers across the nation. Beneficiaries are being contacted via text, phone calls, TV commercials, free offers in the mail and emails. This infographic is available to you.

## SPREAD THE WORD!

I am happy to print and share the above flyer. Email me directly to request copies.

## OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS:

### **CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the Transition Forward from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

Based on current COVID-19 trends, the Department of Health and Human Services is planning for the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 (PHE), declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023.

Read full CMS article: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/what-do-i-need-know-cms-waivers-flexibilities-and-transition-forward-covid-19-public-health.pdf>

### **Participating pharmacies offering COVID-19 Over-the-Counter (OTC) tests**

The following is a partial list of pharmacies participating in the Medicare COVID-19 Over-the-Counter (OTC) tests initiative. Go to the pharmacy website or call the relevant pharmacy to confirm participating locations and get details on how to order.

These pharmacies have asked to be listed here and have attested that they are participating in this initiative. Because this initiative is expected to end on May 11, 2023 (with the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency), we are no longer accepting requests to be added to the list.

Link for list: <https://www.medicare.gov/covid-19-tests-participating-pharmacies>