

# SIU

## "Red Flags"

**IF YOU SUSPECT FRAUD - CALL THE SIU HOTLINE - 1 888 4KO FRAUD**

### Special Investigations Unit

#### **BE SUSPICIOUS IF SOMEONE SAYS:**

- "I represent HIP" without a valid reason for calling.
- "The service/equipment is free."
- "I need your HIP number," your Social Security number typically followed by 2 digits.
- "I will pay you if you give me/let me use your HIP number."
- "I will pay you to visit my office."
- "I know how to get HIP to pay for it."
- "HIP wants you to have this."
- "The more tests we provide the cheaper they are."

#### **ALSO BE SUSPICIOUS IF SOMEONE:**

- Routinely waives co-payments without checking on your ability to pay.
- Advertises "free" consultations.
- Shows up at the front door or calls on the phone to market HIP related services or products.
- Bills HIP for services you don't recall receiving.

#### **UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- Billing more than once for the same service or product.
- Misrepresenting the services rendered.
- Misrepresenting a diagnosis to justify payment for services.
- Misrepresenting the place of service.
- Altering HIP claim forms to get a higher payment.
- Falsifying documents.
- Soliciting, offering or receiving a kickback, bribe or rebate.
- Secretly agreeing to any arrangement among parties that will result in higher charges to HIP.