

# Don'ts of Medicaid



**There are rules Medicaid beneficiaries must follow. If you break the rules, you are breaking the law. Know the “Don'ts of Medicaid” so you don't get in trouble.**

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- Don't intentionally provide false information to qualify for Medicaid.
- Don't share your Medicaid card, medical record, or other medical information with anyone except your doctor or a health care professional.
- Don't sign a blank medical form. Read and understand it, then answer all the questions. Write “N/A” for “not applicable” in sections you don't need to complete.
- Don't ask for medical services that you don't need, like extra referrals or tests. This wastes Medicaid funds.
- Don't sell your Medicaid supplies, equipment, or medications to others.
- Don't accept money or anything of value from individuals in exchange for going to medical appointments, or for receiving tests, medical equipment, or any other Medicaid service.
- Don't ask for the same prescription from different doctors. This is a dangerous practice called doctor shopping.
- Don't alter your prescriptions or sell prescription drugs to family, friends, or drug dealers. This is called drug trafficking and it is illegal.



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