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# Legal Alert

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## Medicare Scam Alert

On June 18, 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the following "Scam Alert Notice" --

CMS has become aware of a scam where perpetrators are sending faxes to physician offices posing as the Medicare carrier or Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). The fax instructs physician staff to respond to a questionnaire to provide an account information update within 48 hours in order to prevent a gap in Medicare payments. The fax may have the CMS logo and/or the contractor logo to enhance the appearance of authenticity.

Medicare FFS providers, including physicians, non-physician practitioners, should be wary of this type of request. If you receive a request for information in the manner described above, please check with your contractor before submitting any information. Medicare providers should only send information to a Medicare contractor using the address found in the download section of the CMS.gov website found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNGenInfo/> or <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll>.

If you have been a victim of this scam or need any further information, please feel free to contact Garfunkel, Wild and Travis, P.C. for assistance.

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