What is Health Care Fraud?

Health care fraud is not an innocent mistake, such as a keystroke error on a medical bill. Rather, Health care fraud is an intentional, unlawful and sometimes repetitive deception. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association has estimated that billions in Health care dollars are lost to fraud each year and countless people are exposed to harmful or unnecessary care.

Health care fraud takes many forms, including:

- Deliberately submitting or filing false claims.
- Purposely misrepresenting a condition or the type of services provided.
- Intentionally omitting information about a condition, symptoms or services received.
- Using someone else's insurance ID card to receive services.

Health care fraud is committed by a very small number of people. Yet, the impact is costly and significant, leading to distrust among hospitals, doctors and patients. It also has an adverse effect on your Health care premiums and co-payments. In the end, the most potent weapon against Health care fraud is you.

Call **410-998-5480** or **1-800-336-4522** or e-mail **SIU@CareFirst.com** to report any fraudulent activity.

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield has a dedicated Special Investigation Unit (SIU) staffed by seasoned professionals in Maryland and The District of Columbia. This team provides enhanced Health care fraud prevention, detection and investigation services to all our groups and members throughout our coverage area. CareFirst SIU embraces fraud and abuse awareness as an essential tool in preserving affordable, quality

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Health care. That's why we invest in numerous programs that set the industry standard for Health care fraud protection and why we work with our Sales Associates to offer individual or group fraud protocol and referral consultations.

- SIU works with your providers plus local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and industry organizations like the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association to protect you from fraud.
- Each independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield company has its own investigative unit that actively pursues fraudulent activities and the recovery of premiums wasted on Health care fraud.
- Our computer systems and software technology help us analyze millions of claims for trends and patterns of suspicious billing activity and fraud.

How can you help and also refer suspected insurance fraud?

There are several ways you can protect yourself while helping to curb fraud:

- Safeguard your insurance ID card and Social Security Number.
- Beware of "free" services, especially if you're asked to provide your insurance ID card. The service may not be free and could be fraudulently charged to you or your insurance company.
- Compare your Explanation of Benefits statements to your medical bills to verify the reasons and the costs of any services you receive.

We're here if you have any questions or if you suspect fraud.

If you suspect fraud, please contact or send referrals to our SIU Director, Doug Mailhot.

Email:
SIU@CareFirst.com

Phone:
410-998-5480
Toll Free at **1-800-336-4522**.

Mail stop:
Maryland—02-745
National Capital Area—DC12-16

Mail to:
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CareFirst:

- Provides free aid and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, please call 855-258-6518.

If you believe CareFirst has failed to provide these services, or discriminated in another way, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance with our CareFirst Civil Rights Coordinator.

Civil Rights Coordinator, Corporate Office of Civil Rights

Telephone Number	410-528-7820
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 8894 Baltimore, Maryland 21224
Fax Number	410-505-2011
Email Address	civilrightscoordinator@carefirst.com

You can file a grievance by mail, fax or email. If you need help filing a grievance, our CareFirst Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

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Foreign Language Assistance

Attention (English): This notice contains information about your insurance coverage. It may contain key dates and you may need to take action by certain deadlines. You have the right to get this information and assistance in your language at no cost. Members should call the phone number on the back of their member identification card. All others may call 855-258-6518 and wait through the dialogue until prompted to push 0. When an agent answers, state the language you need and you will be connected to an interpreter.

አማርኛ(Amharic) ማሳሰቢያ፡- ይህ ማስታወቂያ ስለ መድን ሽፋንዎ መረጃ ይዟል። ከተወሰኑ ቀነ-ገደቦች በፊት ሊፈጽሟቸው የሚገቡ ነገሮች ሊኖሩ ስለሚችሉ እነዚህን ወሳኝ ቀናት ሊይዝ ይችላል። ይኸን መረጃ የማግኘት እና ያለምንም ክፍያ በቋንቋዎ እገዛ የማግኘት መብት አለዎት። አባል ከሆኑ ከመታወቂያ ካርድዎ በስተጀርባ ላይ ወደተጠቀሰው የስልክ ቁጥር መደወል ይችላሉ። አባል ካልሆኑ ደግሞ ወደ ስልክ ቁጥር 855-258-6518 ደውለው 0ን እንዲጫኑ እስኪነገርዎ ድረስ ንግግሩን መጠበቅ አለብዎ። አንድ ወኪል መልስ ሲሰጥዎ፣ የሚፈልጉትን ቋንቋ ያሳውቁ፣ ከዚያም ከተርጓሚ ጋር ይገናኛሉ።

Èdè Yorùbá (Yoruba) Ìtẹ́tíléko: Àkíyèsí yìí ní ìwífún nípa iṣẹ́ adójútòfò rẹ. Ó le ní àwọn déètì pàtó o sì le ní láti gbé ìgbésẹ̀ ní àwọn ọjọ́ gbèdéke kan. O ni ẹ̀tọ́ láti gba ìwífún yìí àti ìrànlọ́wọ́ ní èdè rẹ lọ́fẹ̀ẹ́. Àwọn ọmọ-ẹgbẹ́ gbọ́dọ̀ pe nọ́mbà fóònù tó wà lẹ́yìn káàdì ìdánimọ̀ wọn. Àwọn míràn le pe 855-258-6518 kí o sì dúró nípasẹ̀ ìjíròrò títí a ó fi sọ fún ọ láti tẹ 0. Nígbàtí aṣojú kan bá dáhùn, sọ èdè tí o fẹ́ a ó sì so ọ́ pọ̀ mọ́ ògbufọ̀ kan.

Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) Chú ý: Thông báo này chứa thông tin về phạm vi bảo hiểm của quý vị. Thông báo có thể chứa những ngày quan trọng và quý vị cần hành động trước một số thời hạn nhất định. Quý vị có quyền nhận được thông tin này và hỗ trợ bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoàn toàn miễn phí. Các thành viên nên gọi số điện thoại ở mặt sau của thẻ nhận dạng. Tất cả những người khác có thể gọi số 855-258-6518 và chờ hết cuộc đối thoại cho đến khi được nhắc nhấn phím 0. Khi một tổng đài viên trả lời, hãy nêu rõ ngôn ngữ quý vị cần và quý vị sẽ được kết nối với một thông dịch viên.

Tagalog (Tagalog) Atensyon: Ang abisong ito ay naglalaman ng impormasyon tungkol sa nasasaklawan ng iyong insurance. Maaari itong maglaman ng mga pinakamahalagang petsa at maaaring kailangan mong gumawa ng aksyon ayon sa ilang deadline. May karapatan ka na makuha ang impormasyong ito at tulong sa iyong sariling wika nang walang gastos. Dapat tawagan ng mga Miyembro ang numero ng telepono na nasa likuran ng kanilang identification card. Ang lahat ng iba ay maaaring tumawag sa 855-258-6518 at maghintay hanggang sa dulo ng diyalogo hanggang sa diktahan na pindutin ang 0. Kapag sumagot ang ahente, sabihin ang wika na kailangan mo at ikokonekta ka sa isang interpreter.

Español (Spanish) Atención: Este aviso contiene información sobre su cobertura de seguro. Es posible que incluya fechas clave y que usted tenga que realizar alguna acción antes de ciertas fechas límite. Usted tiene derecho a obtener esta información y asistencia en su idioma sin ningún costo. Los asegurados deben llamar al número de teléfono que se encuentra al reverso de su tarjeta de identificación. Todos los demás pueden llamar al 855-258-6518 y esperar la grabación hasta que se les indique que deben presionar 0. Cuando un agente de seguros responda, indique el idioma que necesita y se le comunicará con un intérprete.

Русский (Russian) Внимание! Настоящее уведомление содержит информацию о вашем страховом обеспечении. В нем могут указываться важные даты, и от вас может потребоваться выполнить некоторые действия до определенного срока. Вы имеете право бесплатно получить настоящие сведения и сопутствующую помощь на удобном вам языке. Участникам следует обращаться по номеру телефона, указанному на тыльной стороне идентификационной карты. Все прочие абоненты могут звонить по номеру 855-258-6518 и ожидать, пока в голосовом меню не будет предложено нажать цифру «0». При ответе агента укажите желаемый язык общения, и вас свяжут с переводчиком.

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हिन्दी (Hindi) ध्यान दें: इस सूचना में आपकी बीमा कवरेज के बारे में जानकारी दी गई है। हो सकता है कि इसमें मुख्य तिथियों का उल्लेख हो और आपके लिए किसी नियत समय-सीमा के भीतर काम करना ज़रूरी हो। आपको यह जानकारी और संबंधित सहायता अपनी भाषा में निःशुल्क पाने का अधिकार है। सदस्यों को अपने पहचान पत्र के पीछे दिए गए फ़ोन नंबर पर कॉल करना चाहिए। अन्य सभी लोग 855-258-6518 पर कॉल कर सकते हैं और जब तक 0 दबाने के लिए न कहा जाए, तब तक संवाद की प्रतीक्षा करें। जब कोई एजेंट उत्तर दे तो उसे अपनी भाषा बताएँ और आपको व्याख्याकार से कनेक्ट कर दिया जाएगा।

Ɓǎsɔ́ɔ̀-wùɖù (Bassa) Tò Ɖùǔ Cáo! Bɔ̌ nìà kɛ ɓá nyɔ ɓě ké m̀ gbo kpá ɓó nì fûà-fǔá-tìǐn nyɛɛ jè dyí. Bɔ̌ nìà kɛ ɓéɖé wé jɛ́ɛ́ ɓě ɓɛ́ m̀ ké ɖɛ wa mɔ́ m̀ ké nyuɛɛ nyu hwɛ̀ ɓɛ́ wé ɓěa ké zi. Ɔ mɔ̀ nì kpé ɓɛ́ m̀ ké bɔ̌ nìà kɛ kè gbo-kpá-kpá m̀ mɔ́ɛɛ dyé ɖé nì ɓíɖí-wùɖù mú ɓɛ́ m̀ ké se wíɖí ɖò pɛ́ɛ̀. Kpooɔ̀ nyɔ ɓě mɛ ɖá fǔùn-nɔ̀ɓà nìà ɖé waà I.D. káàɔ̀ ɖeín nyɛ. Nyɔ tɔ̀ɔ̀ séín mɛ ɖá nɔ̀ɓà nìà kɛ: 855-258-6518, ké m̀ mɛ fò tee ɓɛ́ wa kéɛ m̀ gbo cɛ̃ ɓɛ́ m̀ ké nɔ̀ɓà mɔà 0 kɛɛ dyi pàɖàìn hwɛ̀. Ɔ jǔ ké nyɔ ɖò dyi m̀ gɔ̌ jǔǐn, po wuɖu m̀ mɔ́ poɛ dyiɛ, ké nyɔ ɖò mu ɓó nììn ɓɛ́ ɔ ké nì wuɖuɔ̀ mú zà.

বাংলা (Bengali) লক্ষ্য করুন: এই নোটিশে আপনার বিমা কভারেজ সম্পর্কে তথ্য রয়েছে। এর মধ্যে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তারিখ থাকতে পারে এবং নির্দিষ্ট তারিখের মধ্যে আপনাকে পদক্ষেপ নিতে হতে পারে। বিনা খরচে নিজের ভাষায় এই তথ্য পাওয়ার এবং সহায়তা পাওয়ার অধিকার আপনার আছে। সদস্যদেরকে তাদের পরিচয়পত্রের পিছনে থাকা নম্বরে কল করতে হবে। অন্যেরা 855-258-6518 নম্বরে কল করে 0 টিপতে না বলা পর্যন্ত অপেক্ষা করতে পারেন। যখন কোনো এজেন্ট উত্তর দেবেন তখন আপনার নিজের ভাষার নাম বলুন এবং আপনাকে দোভাষীর সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করা হবে।

اردو (Urdu) توجہ :یہ نوٹس آپ کے انشورینس کوریج سے متعلق معلومات پر مشتمل ہے۔ اس میں کلیدی تاریخیں ہو سکتی ہیں اور ممکن ہے کہ آپ کو مخصوص آخری تاریخوں تک کارروائی کرنے کی ضرورت پڑے۔ آپ کے پاس یہ معلومات حاصل کرنے اور بغیر خرچہ کیے اپنی زبان میں مدد حاصل کرنے کا حق ہے۔ ممبران کو اپنے شناختی کارڈ کی پشت پر موجود فون نمبر پر کال کرنی چاہیے۔ سبھی دیگر لوگ 855-258-6518پر کال کر سکتے ہیں اور 0 دبانے کو کہے جانے تک انتظار کریں۔ ایجنٹ کے جواب دینے پر اپنی مطلوبہ زبان بتائیں اور مترجم سے مربوط ہو جائیں گے۔

فارسی (Farsi) توجه: این اعلامیه حاوی اطلاعاتی درباره پوشش بیمه شما است. ممکن است حاوی تاریخ های مهمی باشد و لازم است تا تاریخ مقرر شده خاصی اقدام کنید. شما از این حق برخوردار هستید تا این اطلاعات و راهنمایی را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. اعضا باید با شماره درج شده در پشت کارت شناسایی‌شان تماس بگیرند. سایر افراد می توانند با شماره 855-258-6518تماس بگیرند و منتظر بمانند تا از آنها خواسته شود عدد 0 را فشار دهند. بعد از پاسخگویی توسط یکی از اپراتورها، زبان مورد نیاز را تنظیم کنید تا به مترجم مربوطه وصل شوید.

اللغة العربية (Arabic) تنبيه :يحتوي هذا الإخطار على معلومات بشأن تغطيتك التأمينية، وقد يحتوي على تواريخ مهمة، وقد تحتاج إلى اتخاذ إجراءات بحلول مواعيد نهائية محددة .يحق لك الحصول على هذه المساعدة والمعلومات بلغتك بدون تحمل أي تكلفة .ينبغي على الأعضاء الاتصال على رقم الهاتف المذكور في ظهر بطاقة تعريف الهوية الخاصة بهم .يمكن للآخرين الاتصال على الرقم 855-258-6518 والانتظار خلال المحادثة حتى يطلب منهم الضغط على رقم .0 عند إجابة أحد الوكلاء، اذكر اللغة التي تحتاج إلى التواصل بها وسيتم توصيلك بأحد المترجمين الفوريين.

中文繁体 (Traditional Chinese) 注意：本聲明包含關於您的保險給付相關資訊。本聲明可能包含重要日期及您在特定期限之前需要採取的行動。您有權利免費獲得這份資訊，以及透過您的母語提供的協助服務。會員請撥打印在身分識別卡背面的電話號碼。其他所有人士可撥打電話 855-258-6518，並等候直到對話提示按下按鍵 0。當接線生回答時，請說出您需要使用的語言，這樣您就能與口譯人員連線。

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Igbo (Igbo) Nrụbama: Ọkwa a nwere ozi gbasara mkpuchi nchekwa onwe gị. Ọ nwere ike ịnwe ụbọchị ndị dị mkpa, ị nwere ike ịme ihe tupu ụfọdụ ụbọchị njedebe. Ị nwere ikike ịnweta ozi na enyemaka a n'asụsụ gị na akwụghị ụgwọ ọ bụla. Ndị otu kwesịrị ịkpọ akara ekwentị dị n'azụ nke kaadị njirimara ha. Ndị ọzọ niile nwere ike ịkpọ 855-258-6518 wee chere ụbụbọ ahụ ruo mgbe amanyere ịpị 0. Mgbe onye nnọchite anya zara, kwuo asụsụ ị chọrọ, a ga-ejikọ gị na onye ọkọwa okwu.

Deutsch (German) Achtung: Diese Mitteilung enthält Informationen über Ihren Versicherungsschutz. Sie kann wichtige Termine beinhalten, und Sie müssen gegebenenfalls innerhalb bestimmter Fristen reagieren. Sie haben das Recht, diese Informationen und weitere Unterstützung kostenlos in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Als Mitglied verwenden Sie bitte die auf der Rückseite Ihrer Karte angegebene Telefonnummer. Alle anderen Personen rufen bitte die Nummer 855-258-6518 an und warten auf die Aufforderung, die Taste 0 zu drücken. Geben Sie dem Mitarbeiter die gewünschte Sprache an, damit er Sie mit einem Dolmetscher verbinden kann.

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