

Help Stop Genetic Testing Scams

The VA Office of Inspector General asks you to report potential scams involving genetic tests not ordered by VA clinicians or medically necessary.



VA clinicians should report

- unsolicited faxes or calls from labs to certify genetic tests that were not ordered by the veterans' VA or community providers,
- threats of legal action or pressure to sign lab orders on behalf of veterans, and
- lab information or a specialist's notes purportedly sent on behalf of patients.

Veterans should report

- offers of free or low-cost genetic testing from solicitors claiming VA affiliation;
- genetic or other test kits by mail not prescribed by an assigned VA physician;
- requests for personal, medical, and financial information for testing;
- explanation of benefits letters indicating VA was billed for testing not received; and
- offers of incentives or kickbacks for participating in genetic testing or convincing their VA or community providers to authorize it.

Bottom Line: Veterans' genetic testing should result from a finding of need by their physicians.



- ✓ [Click here](#) to view a prior fraud alert on genetic testing scams affecting Medicare and its beneficiaries.



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