

WHY ROB BANKS? CRIMINALS STEAL MILLIONS MORE WITH ONLY A FEW OF THESE.



IT'S TRUE. Bank robbery is small change compared to the losses we suffer from health insurance fraud. Studies say as much as \$100 billion a year is stolen in scams designed to stick us and our insurance companies with fraudulent and illegal medical charges. In fact, health insurance fraud costs more every year than all the bank robberies and car thefts in America — combined.

Who pays the bill? We all do, in the form of higher health insurance premiums. And our own medical histories? They can be permanently altered when diseases or injuries we've never had are falsely entered on our records to justify the illegal charges.

We can all take action to stop health insurance fraud:

Read your benefit statements.

Read your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement from your insurance company. Make sure you actually received the treatments for which you were charged, and question suspicious expenses.

Report fraud.

Call your insurance company immediately if you suspect you may be a victim of health insurance fraud.

Beware of "free" offers.

Offers of "free" services are often fraud schemes designed to bill you and your insurance company illegally for thousands of dollars of treatments you never received.

Protect your health insurance card like your credit card.

A health insurance card is a valuable tool in the wrong hands. Don't give policy numbers to door-to-door salesmen or telephone solicitors.

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