

GIVE DATE PHYSICIAN FIRST SEEN

FROM THE PROVIDERS FOR THESE SERVICES

DIAGNOSIS (IF MORE THAN ONE)	FROM DATE			TO DATE			CHARGE
	MO	DAY	YEAR	MO	DAY	YEAR	\$
Allergies	4	17	06				\$ 250.00
Allergies	4	17	06	6	30	06	\$ 25.00
CONGESTION	4	25	06	-	-	-	\$ 1000.00
DEVIATED SEPTUM	5	1	06	-	-	-	\$ 2150.00

17. TOTAL \$ 3425.00

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# They Cheat. You Pay.

An estimated \$54 billion in fraudulent health care claims are filed each year. Medicare and New York Medicaid programs, as well as private insurance companies are all targets. In some states, organized criminals are even abandoning the illegal drug trade for the multi-billion dollar business of health insurance fraud.

Who pays the cost of this fraud? We all do, in the form of higher health insurance premiums and co-payments. Our privacy, health and safety are at risk too. To justify illegal charges, false injuries and misleading health conditions are entered into our medical histories.

These are some simple actions you can take to help stop health care fraud:

**Protect your health insurance card like your credit card.** In the wrong hands, a health insurance card is a license to steal. Don't give out policy numbers to door-to-door salespeople, telephone solicitors or over the Internet.

**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.

**Read your policy and benefits statements.** Read your policy, Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements and any paperwork you receive from your insurance company. Make sure you actually received the treatments for which your insurance was charged, and question suspicious expenses.

For more information, please visit:

[www.nhcaa.org/about\\_health\\_care\\_fraud/Consumer\\_Information/1087.cfm](http://www.nhcaa.org/about_health_care_fraud/Consumer_Information/1087.cfm)

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