

Please Read This New Warning Information
from the FTC and Medicare:

**A warning from the Federal Government regarding a new
scam directed at seniors receiving Medicare Benefits:**

DNA testing has become very popular for helping to determine your ancestry. They also can be used to identify your genetic risk of certain diseases. Scammers, however are taking advantage of people's interest in these tests that are done for medical purposes to attempt to scam Medicare. Recently the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida issued a warning about these DNA genetic tests. Senior citizens have been approached at health fairs and asked if they were willing to participate in a free health screening. A cheek swab was done to collect DNA and they were told that the DNA would be sent to a lab for genetic testing. They were told that there would be no cost to them and that Medicare would pay for the test. In some instances being reported people aren't getting the results of the tests, if they were even done, however Medicare was billed as much as \$30,000 for the tests. This is a scam because Medicare does not pay for medical tests or equipment unless it is medically necessary and a doctor orders the test. Cologuard a colorectal cancer screening test available only with a doctor's prescription is the only genetic test covered by Medicare.

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