

Scam Alert- New Health Care Phone Scam

Scam artists will frequently use current events to perpetrate new crimes on the public. With the Affordable Care Act going into effect and many individuals obtaining or making changes in their medical coverage, scammers are out there and ready to take advantage.

If you receive a call that you need a new pharmacy or insurance card under “the new law”, beware you may be falling victim to a scam. The caller will explain that you need to give your social security or banking information otherwise your prescription medication or insurance will be cancelled. This can be a very scary call, particularly to senior citizens.

The scam artist may also threaten that your Medicare or other coverage will be cancelled if you do not act quickly. Oftentimes, the caller claims to work for the federal government and can manipulate caller ID so the call looks like it is coming from a legitimate source.

Remember:

- If the unsolicited caller wants to talk about the ACA or Obamacare, it is a scam. The government does not call your home asking for money or personal information.
- Never pay any money to these callers and do not answer questions or give out your personal information. Hang up promptly to protect yourself. If you are concerned or unsure, always check with a loved one or trusted adviser.
- Do not fall prey to health coverage phone scams. Educate yourself about the Affordable Care Act by going to www.healthcare.gov.