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MEDICARE
FRAUD AT
877-272-8720

Healthcare Fraud Alert

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Louisiana Senior Medicare Patrol, the Louisiana Attorney General and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services want you to protect yourself from possible Medicare fraud.

Social Security Number Scam

Louisiana SMP received a call Thursday, Feb. 24 informing us that seniors in Terrebonne Parish have received phone calls from someone stating they are with Social Security. The caller says that Social Security needs to send out a new card to the senior and the senior will need to use this new card whenever they use their Medicare card. **Social security is NOT making these calls.**

The caller already has the senior's address and asks the senior to verify that the address is correct. The caller may then ask for the senior to confirm the social security number. The caller DOES NOT have this information. Do not give your social security number.

If you receive such a call, hang up. Caller ID may show something like "New CID-28." Do not be tricked into thinking this is a code for a phone at a government office.

Do not provide ANY information to the caller.

Remember: Do not give your Medicare number to telephone solicitors, sales people and people you are not familiar with – once given, Medicare can be billed time and again with your number for services you do not want and have not authorized.

This alert has been brought to you by the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General, Department of Health and Humans Services – Office of Inspector General and Louisiana SMP.



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