



Mecklenburg County Consumer Fraud Task Force

*"One Less Victim" - The first task force in North Carolina
dedicated to the prevention of consumer fraud.*

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ENGLISH VERSION

Hello,

The consumer fraud alerts message from May is sponsored by the North Carolina SMP Program at the Department of Insurance.

With the recent passage of the Health Care Reform Bill by the United States Congress, scam artists are posing as insurance agents or representatives of the federal government selling Obama Care policies and asking for personal information such as their Social Security number, Medicare Claim number and financial information.

There is no such policy as Obama Care.

Other seniors' have reported being contacted via phone asking to verify their Medicare claim number and financial information because due to recent health care reform, they would be issued new Medicare cards at a cost of \$15. This is a scam.

Protect your Medicare benefits from identity theft! Do not give your personal information to those that call you or come to your door uninvited! You would never give your credit card or Social Security number over the phone or to a stranger, so treat your Medicare claim number the same way.

If someone comes to your home uninvited, take their name, company name or if they have a business card, take that. Do not sign anything until you are fully aware of what you are signing or agreeing to join or buy! Contact the North Carolina SMP Program at the Department of Insurance at 1-800-443-9354 Monday through Friday from 8 AM until 5 PM to receive counseling or report suspected fraud.

For other fraud prevention tips visit www.ConsumerTaskForce.org. Together we can empower seniors to prevent healthcare fraud by one less victim! Thank you!

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