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Special Bulletin

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MEDI-CAL & MEDI-CARE SCAM AWARENESS

THE WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION WOULD LIKE TO REMIND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO BE VERY SUSPECT OF STRANGERS KNOCKING ON THEIR DOOR CLAIMING TO BE REPRESENTATIVES OF EITHER MEDI-CAL OR MEDI-CARE ASKING FOR THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION, SUCH AS (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) YOUR FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, MEDICAL OR MEDICARE NUMBER.

IF SOMEONE KNOCKS ON YOUR DOOR AND CLAIMS TO BE FROM EITHER MEDI-CAL OR MEDI-CARE, **ALWAYS** ASK FOR PROPER IDENTIFICATION AND CREDENTIALS. TYPICALLY WHEN A LEGITIMATE MEDI-CAL OR MEDI-CARE REPRESENTATIVE KNOCKS ON YOUR DOOR, THEY ARE THERE FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE LIKE CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION (EXAMPLE - FRAUDULANT BILLING), NOT JUST TO COLLECT ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. **NEVER** GIVE OUT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION – FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER, MEDI-CAL OR MEDI-CARE NUMBER, CREDIT CARD NUMBERS TO ANYONE WHO KNOCKS ON YOUR DOOR CLAIMING TO BE WITH A COMPANY THAT YOU DID NOT SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH.

ONCE THESE CROOKS GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, IN ADDITION TO IDENTITY THEFT THEY, CAN SET UP \$17,000 IN FRAUDULANT MEDI-CAL BILLINGS UNDER YOUR MEDI-CAL OR MEDI-CARE ACCOUNT IN JUST A FEW DAYS. AFTER THAT, YOUR NAME AND ACCOUNT CAN BE BOUGHT, SOLD, TRADED AND TRAFFICKED TO CREATE FURTHER FRAUDULANT ACCOUNTS AND ACTIVITY FOR THEIR FINANCIAL GAIN.

IF SOMEONE APPROACHES YOU WHILE YOU ARE OUT SHOPPING OR AT YOUR RESIDENCE AND REPRESENTS THEMSELVES AS A MEDI-CAL OR MEDI-CARE AGENT AND ARE ASKING FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, DO NOT GIVE IT TO THEM. CALL THE WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT (310) 855 – 8850 AND REPORT THE SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE POLICY AND PRACTICES OF MEDI-CAL AND MEDI-CARE'S REPRESENTATIVES DOING HOUSE CALLS, PLEASE CALL MEDI-CAL OR MEDI-CARE DIRECTLY.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF ONE OF THESE SCAMS, PLEASE CALL THE WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION (310) 855 – 8850 AND FILE A REPORT. AS A REMINDER, **NEVER PROVIDE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO ANYONE UNLESS YOU HAVE INITIATED THE CONTACT OR APPOINTMENT. YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION SHOULD NEVER BE GIVEN TO ANYONE WHO SOLICITS THIS INFORMATION RANDOMLY.**