

Chicago, IL – January 7, 2012. The Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago (FACHIC) is a participating agency in the Medicare Fraud Project led by the Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly in the Chicago area. FACHIC will be sharing a monthly Medicare fraud tip to seniors in English and Tagalog. Please feel free to share the tip widely.

January 2012 Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol Program

Many Medicare beneficiaries in Illinois have been receiving phone calls from fraudulent companies offering “free” diabetic supplies in exchange for their Medicare numbers. These phone calls are a scam – never give your Medicare number or other personal information away to anyone who calls on the phone or comes to your door! If you need diabetic supplies or other equipment, contact your doctor - you must get an order from your doctor first. Do not listen to a company that tells you that they can get the order from your doctor for you. This is a sure sign of a scam!

Enero 2012 Ang Programang Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol

Marami sa mga tumatanggap ng benepisyo ng Medicare sa Illinois ay nakakakuha ng mga tawag sa telepono na nagmumula sa mga pekeng kumpanyang naghahandog ng "libreng" kagamitang pang-dayabetik kapalit ng kanilang numero sa Medicare. Ang mga tawag na ito ay "scam" o panlilinlang - huwag ibigay ang iyong numero ng Medicare o ano pang personal na impormasyon sa sino mang tatawag sa'yo sa telepono o bibisita! Kung kailangan mo ng kagamitang pang-dayabetik o ano pa mang kagamitan, tawagan ang iyong duktor - kailangan mong humingi muna ng "order" sa'yong duktor. Huwag makinig sa kumpanyang magsasabi na sila ang kukuha ng order sa'yong duktor. Siguradong tanda ito ng isang "scam" o panlilinlang!

The Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago (FACHIC) is a collaborative of community, health professional, and academic leaders united to address Filipino health issues in the Chicago area. The mission of FACHIC is to increase awareness of Filipino health disparities and to implement health interventions and educational programming to improve the health status of the Filipino community. FACHIC is a 501(c)(3) Illinois nonprofit organization. All programs and services are free and available to all. For more information, visit <http://www.fachic.org>.

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