

Chicago, IL – May 5, 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.

May 2012 Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol Program

Many people in Illinois have been receiving phone calls from someone offering “free home services from Medicare.” These phone calls are a scam. Medicare will never call you to offer “free services.” These callers are trying to get people’s Medicare numbers over the phone, so that they can bill Medicare for thousands of dollars in skilled home care services that they do not provide. If anyone calls on the phone and asks for your Medicare number, hang up the phone! Do not accept any services from anyone who calls on the phone or comes to your door. If you need health care services, call your doctor first to get a prescription. Your doctor can then help you find a legitimate company to provide the services. If you have given your Medicare number away to someone who called on the phone or came to your door, report it to the Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol Program at AgeOptions: (800)699-9043.

Mayo 2012 Ang Programang Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol

Maraming tao sa Illinois ang tumatanggap ng tawag sa telepono na may handog na "libreng pangtahanang serbisyo mula sa Medicare". Ang mga tawag na ito ay panloloko. Hindi ka tatawagan ng Medicare para maghandog ng "libreng serbisyo". Ang mga tumatawag na ito ay nanghahagilap lang ng mga numero ng Medicare sa telepono, upang makapag-singil sila sa Medicare ng libu-libong dolyares ng kabayaran para sa dalubhasang serbisyong pangangalaga sa tahanan na hindi naman nila ginawa. Kung mayroong tumawag sa iyo sa telepono at hinihingi ang iyong numero sa Medicare, ibaba kaagad ang telepono! Huwag tumanggap ng serbisyo sa sinumang tatawag sa telepono o kakatok sa pinto. Kung kailangan mo ng serbisyo sa pangangalaga ng kalusugan, tawagan muna ang iyong duktor para makakuha ng riseta. Ang iyong duktor ay tutulong sa'yo na makakuha ng lehitimong kumpanya na magsasagawa ng mga serbisyo. Kung naibigay mo na ang iyong numero ng Medicare sa isang tao na tumawag sa telepono o kumatok sa'yong pinto, ipaalam sa Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol Program sa AgeOptions: (800)699-9043.

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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