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Healthcare Fraud Alert

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LOUISIANA Senior Medicare Patrol. The Louisiana Attorney General and the US Department of Health and Human Services want you to protect yourself from possible Medicare fraud.

She Could Have Been My Granddaughter

Louisiana SMP has noticed a new trend with telemarketing scams. More and more seniors are telling SMP that they are receiving calls from sweet-natured, educated, young American women who pretend to be very concerned about the senior's health. Seniors have learned to hang up the phone on foreigner callers, so dishonest companies are now using telemarketers who sound as though could be the girl next door, or somebody's granddaughter.

Often these telemarketers begin the conversation with "Our records show" and then they state some vague information that they hope will apply to the senior. They will tell you whatever it takes for you to give them your personal information: banking account, Medicare number, doctor's name, etc.

If you did not initiate the call, if you don't know who you are talking to, or if you are being offered something that sounds too good to be true, HANG UP THE PHONE. Do not be fooled by telemarketers...even if they sound like

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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