# SENIOR ALERT COVID-19 SCAMS SPREADING

Seniors are at higher risk with COVID-19. Don't increase your risk for insurance fraud.

## FALSE INSURANCE CANCELATION

Scammers say a loved one is sick in the hospital and needs coverage for ventilator urgently. Says you can pay over the phone to reinstate and coverage.

#### ACT NOW DEALS

If it sounds too good too true, it's probably scam. Reject sales pitches, wanting you to decide quickly and pay or miss out on a "great opportunity."

#### **MEDICARE SCAMS**

Seniors are being targeted by COVID-19 robocalls and other scams that ask for your Medicare numbers to make bogus claims. Scammers even approach residents at senior housing and assisted-living facilities for Medicare ruses.

### **BOGUS CORONA** INSURANCE

Scammers are pitching COVID-19 health coverage. They promise full coverage at low prices, but are scamming to steal your money & identity.

#### **FALSE DNA** TESTING

Testing scams prey on seniors, claiming tests are needed and paid by insurance. Fraudsters seek victims through cold calls, door knocking, and emails. Just say no.

### COVID-19 **VACCINES OR TESTS OR KITS.**

Con artists are pitching free vaccines and tests, claiming they're insured.

# **PROTECT YOURSELF**

- · Verify requests for your Medicare or Medicaid info before responding.
- Do not respond to robocalls, unknown texts, emails or doorto-door solicitors.
- "Free" COVID-19 tests, vaccines, supplies or treatments are shams. Ignore them.
- · Never click on links from unknown sources. Clicking may download malware.
- Contact a trusted doctor or other health provider to check your medical status, order a COVID-19 test — and learn the facts.



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