Don’t Let COVID-19 Infect You With Insurance Fraud

TOP 5 COVID-19 SCAMS

1. Fake “corona” insurance
Watch for fake health-insurance agents selling low-priced insurance to cover coronavirus “treatment.” Scammers may try to sell low-cost “corona insurance” or health policies that claim to have a coverage provision. Simply hang up on robocalls.

2. Cancelled health insurance
Beware of bogus calls warning you that your health insurance was “cancelled.” You may be given a tollfree line to call, or urged to click a link that installs malware. Most of these are attempts to steal your personal information.

3. Corona medicines, tests
Scammers are peddling fake vaccines, drugs, “all-natural” or “organic” medicines — all “insured and paid for” by your health policy. But the novel coronavirus is exactly that — new — and there is no known cure yet.

4. Senior scams
Beware of free virus “tests” at senior centers, health fairs or in your home. Scammers might ask for your Medicare number, SSN and other information to steal your medical identity. Talk to your doctor if you need a test. Call your insurer directly to answer your coverage questions.

5. Bogus travel insurance
Be wary of pitches for travel insurance that claim to cover coronavirus related trip cancellations. Most standard travel insurance policies may not cover viral outbreaks or pandemics. Know what your policy does and doesn’t cover.

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