

Consumer Alert – Medicare Post Cards

The Evanston Police Department is issuing the following caution to Evanston’s older adults regarding misleading information on Medicare drug plans arriving by mail.

Postcards announcing so-called changes to Medicare and requesting your personal information are being sent to senior citizens. These cards have no relation to any government agency and have no official standing. The cards promise “free information on Medicare changes...” but in small print, ask you to verify your address and birthday. By sending the card back, you agree to have a “licensed representative,” (that would be a sales person) visit you. Additional copy on the cards states, “Request cards received after the deadline may not receive information in a timely manner” which is the sender’s attempt to pressure you by stating a phony deadline.

DO NOT FILL OUT OR RETURN THIS CARD. |If there are any changes to your Medicare policy you will be notified directly by Medicare or you can get information from your congressional representatives.

Citizens who have sent back the cards report getting telephone calls from operators who say they represent Social Security, which they do not. If you get a telephone call as a result of sending back this card, do not agree to let the “representative” come to your home and if one shows up, do not permit them to come into your home.

Again, these cards and salespeople have no connection to ANY government agency.

For trustworthy help with choosing or switching a Medicare prescription drug plan, call Evanston Police Senior Services for a list of reliable resources.

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