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The Senior Medicare Patrol is.....

LOOKING OUT FOR YOU

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SUBJECT: GRANDPARENT SCAMS ARE ALIVE & WELL

It used to be quoted that “A sucker was born every minute, but today there seems to be a scam conducted every 30 seconds,” targeting our most vulnerable community of beloved grandparents, who are easy to reach, responsive, and often more sympathetic.

GRANDPARENT SCAMS INVOLVE:

- **Scammers** pretending to be a family member call or email to say they are in trouble and need you to wire money right away.
- **Scammers** call or email saying you won a “free” trip or lottery but, ask you for bank account information to hold a reservation or pay a fee to collect your winnings.
- **Scammers** take money for repairs and then never return to do the work or they do bad work. Sometimes they break something to create more work.
- **Scammers** call or mail you a letter that seems to be from a government agency asking for personal information like your social security number, Medicare number or, bank information to mail you new cards.

SCAMMERS WANT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND MEDICARE NUMBERS TO STEAL YOUR IDENTITY, BILL MEDICARE FOR SERVICES, AND RIP OFF OUR PRECIOUS FUND FOR US AND OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS

WHAT TO DO:

PROTECT yourself by hanging up on unsolicited phone calls, deleting texts & emails, throwing away post mail, not allowing personal contact. Resist pressure to act with haste by STOPPING, THINKING, QUESTIONING, & CHECKING WITH A THIRD PARTY.

DETECT a scam. Remember the signs of a Grandparent scam—do they ask for personal information like your SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE numbers, do they ask you to respond immediately, do they ask you to send money by wire transfer to a P.O. Box or foreign address?

REPORT the scam by contacting local Police, State Attorney General, online to the “Internet Crime Complaint Center at AgencyCare.com, Medicare Fraud Alert, & for quick referrals or action, call HAWAII SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL at 1-800-296-9422 for help to report Grandparent Scams to the authorities.

SMP FIGHTS GRANDPARENT SCAMS LIKE WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT MEDICARE FRAUD. HELP US TO PREVENT, DETECT, AND, REPORT SCAMS.

Have a peaceful & enjoyable Grandparents Day on September 11, 2016!



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