

Greetings fellow York  
Countians,

This is a Fraud Alert issued by the York County Elder Abuse Task Force. Periodically, members of the York County District Attorney's office who prosecute these devastating financial crimes will offer warnings about the latest financial scams targeting seniors here in York County. Educating seniors about financial fraud is a top priority of the York County Elder Abuse Task Force. With that in mind, we want every senior in York County to remember the **3 Rs**: **R**ecognize a potential scam; **R**efuse to make any hasty decisions; and **R**eport suspicious activity to police. Stay safe and feel free to contact either Chief Deputy Prosecutor Dave Sunday or Assistant District Attorney Alison Glunt at the District Attorney's Office (717-771-9600) with any questions.

Dave Sunday  
Chief Deputy Prosecutor



## **FRAUD ALERT! – Healthcare Scams**

In this type of scam, scammers will contact you and pose as people attempting to assist you in obtaining health insurance or discounts for health insurance. Because of new healthcare laws, these scammers will use potential confusion to obtain personal details, like your Social Security or Medicaid numbers, to commit identity theft.

Another type of healthcare-related issue to be wary of, despite not being a scam *per se*, are “discount plans.” These plans require that you pay a monthly fee to get a discount on certain products. Read the fine print and check whether the benefit will work with your healthcare provider. The actual benefit of the plan may be minimal or, despite representations it works will, may not work at your provider.

Be on the lookout for:

- × Unsolicited phone calls or home visits
- × Requests for money
- × Websites that are similar to but not government websites
  
- ✓ Web addresses that begin with “https”—**The “s” means secure!**

## **What to do if you think you've been contacted as part of this scam:**

1. Ask questions & do research. Don't provide any personal details, like your Social Security number or financial or insurance information, without knowing exactly to whom you're providing that information.
2. If contacted by email rather than by phone, don't provide personal details, like your Social Security number, in emails. Government agencies are not likely to request you provide information in such a manner.
3. Tell your friends & family about the call to protect them from falling victim to the scam.
4. Report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission. Reports can be made online or by contacting the FYC at 1-877-FTC-HELP.
5. Make sure your antivirus software is up-to-date.