

# The More you know...

Knowledge to combat fraud schemes

## Health Care Scams and medical Quackery

### Health Care Scams

**Scammers seize the opportunity to gather your personal information whenever health care is in the headlines!**

You may see an ad on TV telling you about a new law requiring you to get a new health care card or sign up for something related to health care. You may receive a call offering large discounts on medical services or health insurance. Or maybe an individual says they are from the government and needs your information to confirm your health insurance. The scammers in all these situations have the same goal: to get your Social Security number, financial information, or insurance information.

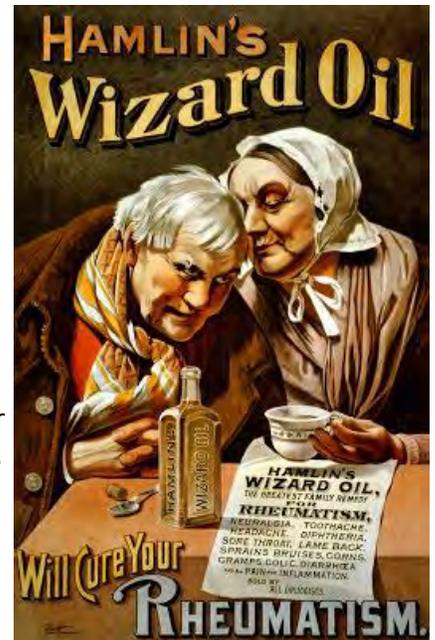
What can you do? **Stop, think, and check it out!** Before you share your information, hang up and call the number on your current insurance card. Do some research and check with someone you trust.

### Medical Quackery

**Be aware: medical claims that seem too good to be true probably are!**

A lotion that will work wonders on the bags under your eyes? A pill that will shed all of that extra weight in one week? A super secret "all natural" formula that will make you feel years younger? While these claims are outrageous, people still spend their hard earned money on products like these every day.

Instead of an instant improvement, some of the products can cause serious medical issues, rashes, or have no effect at all. These types of advertisements usually rely on deceptive statistics in an attempt to look credible. Do not get roped into the false promises of these products.



Want to report A possible Fraud?

**General Reports:** Anti-Fraud Hotline (provided by the U.S. Senate Aging Commission)

1.855.303.9470 or [www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline](http://www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline)

**Telephone or online fraud scheme?** Federal Trade Commission (877.FTC.Help, [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov)) or Internet Crime Complaint Center ([www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov))

**Mail fraud scheme?** United States Postal Inspection Service

1.717.257.2330 or [www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov](http://www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov)

**Scheme involving money sent with GreenDot, MoneyGram or Western Union?**

Green Dot: 1.866.795.7597

MoneyGram: 1.800.MONEYGRAM or 1.800.666.3947

Western Union Fraud Hotline: 1.800.448.1492