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## **CONSUMER ALERT**

Local police are reporting that seniors are receiving telephone calls from scammers representing themselves as being from the federal Medicare program.

The caller states that the call concerns mailing out the senior's new Medicare card, but then the caller, posing as a Medicare employee, says they need a Social Security number and bank account information before this can be done.

This is a scam! NEVER give out your personal or financial information over the phone or by computer unless you have initiated the call and are absolutely sure who you are talking to or dealing with.

If you receive such a call, simply hang up the phone and don't engage in any further conversation with this caller.

The caller ID for most of these calls is a Florida number, but in many cases the caller has a foreign accent.

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