



CONSUMER ALERT

Be Aware of Health Insurance Fraud



On October 1st, Covered California, the state health benefit exchange, began enrolling uninsured Californians into health coverage which will start **January 1, 2014**. If you do not have health coverage, Covered California can help you find the coverage that best fits your needs. You may qualify for financial help that can lower the cost of coverage. Covered California can also help you find out if you are eligible for Medi-Cal.



For more information go to

www.CoveredCA.com or call 800-300-1506.



CONSUMERS BEWARE! SOME PEOPLE MAY TRY TO TRICK YOU INTO BUYING HEALTH COVERAGE THAT DOESN'T PROVIDE ALL OF THE REQUIRED BENEFITS.

Protect Yourself. Be Suspicious of:

- Uninvited house or telephone calls.
- Anyone who approaches you at the doctor's office, hospital, or pharmacy.
- Limited time offers, or claims that there are only a few spots left.

Protect Your Money & Personal Information:

- Don't pay any money up front to get insurance or Medi-Cal.
- Don't provide your personal information such as your social security number, bank account number, credit card number, or birth date, unless you make sure you are not dealing with scammers.

Make sure you are not dealing with scammers:

- Trust only Covered California or other official government websites.
- Click [here](#) to be sure the person you are dealing with is authorized, or call **800-300-1506**.
- When dealing with insurance agents, click [here](#) to make sure they are licensed, or call the California Department of Insurance at **800-927-HELP**.

Report Concerns:

To report deceptive or suspicious activity or to get help with other questions, contact:

- The Help Center, Department of Managed Health Care, at **888-466-2219**.
- The Consumer Hotline, Department of Insurance, at **800-927-HELP**.
- Covered California at **800-300-1506** or email: consumerprotection@covered.ca.gov