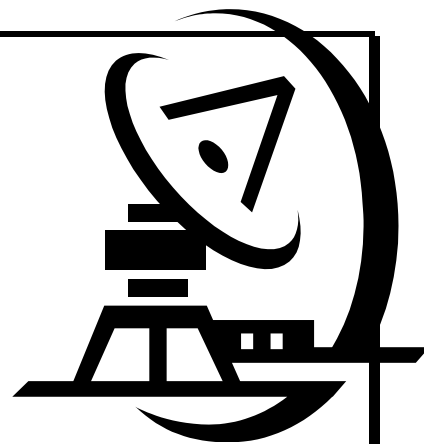


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FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL (SMP)



## \$299 Prescription Drug Phone Scam

**February 2013**

The Pennsylvania SMP has received calls about a prescription drug phone scam affecting PA seniors. The scammer offers a new prescription drug plan for the low price of \$299 per year, then asks for checking account information and social security number. He may deduct \$299 from your checking account but the drug plan he offered does not exist.

**Scare tactics are a red flag. Don't believe anyone who threatens to take away your Medicare benefits if you do not sign up for their plan. If you get a call like this, protect yourself by hanging up the phone!**

### **Remember:**

- ❖ Never give out your checking account, social security, or Medicare number to someone who calls you. Medicare does not allow prescription drug plans to cold call seniors.
- ❖ Always get plan information in writing. Don't let anyone pressure you into signing up for a plan over the phone.
- ❖ Check your plan statements and your bank statements for unusual charges.

If you believe you may have been the victim of this scam, would like to report another health care scam, or see charges on your Medicare Summary Notice that you don't recognize, call the SMP at CARIE. We're here to help. A real person will answer your call. No buttons to push or menus to follow.

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