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Health Insurance Scam Alert

EDWARDSVILLE, IL, April 7, 2010 - The Federation of American Consumers and Travelers (FACT) is making its members aware of a fraud alert issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

In the wake of newly passed health-care legislation, HHS says that there has been a proliferation of scams involving bogus health insurance policies.

According to reports, scammers are going from door to door claiming that there is a limited open-enrollment period to access new government-approved health plans. In some cases, toll-free lines are being set up as well.

Vicki Rolens, managing director of FACT, warns that there are no insurance plans available which are in any way related to the new health-care bill. "At present," she says, "no new health care marketplaces are scheduled to be open for business until 2014."

She further advises:

"If anyone calls or visits you making any claims concerning such health plans, report them immediately to your state insurance department or attorney general."

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