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TO: ALL SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS  
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Please let the senior citizens in your group know about this con artist scam at your next meeting.

## CON ARTIST ALERT TO ALL SENIOR GROUPS

### Do Not Fall for Faulty Insurance Claims!

Hundreds of seniors are falling victim to a faulty health insurance company. A health insurance salesman arrives at these senior's homes and makes a strong sales pitch that his company's private Medicare plan can meet their needs just as well as their current plan only much more cheaply.

Unfortunately, many people are finding out their new plan is not accepted by doctors. Not only that, but it can take months to switch back to the health insurance plan that they had before. Robert Hayes, the president of the Medicare Rights Center, said the problem is that the government failed to establish an effective process of those who wanted to opt out of private plans. According to Hayes, if you have found yourself in a similar situation to contact Regional Medicare offices around the county. Seniors may also call 1-800-Medicare to see if they qualify to enroll in another plan even after the open enrollment season has passed.

If you would like to be added to our e-mail list to receive alerts and other useful information from my office, please call (330) 643-2796.

Please feel free to call my office anytime if there is any way we can assist you