



FREE MONEY



Free money scams happen when you are offered money, a car, cruise tickets, or any other “free” prize that you didn’t sign up to receive. BUT, there is always a catch! To receive the money, you must first pay taxes on it. To get the car, there is a delivery fee. These scams work because they make people feel special, like winners. Oftentimes, the scammers will target vulnerable people with limited income which makes “free money” even more attractive, even if there is a fee.

Publisher’s Clearing House: Publisher’s Clearing House is a legitimate sweepstakes company that offers cash prizes to lucky winners, but scammers are taking advantage of the popularity of this sweepstakes. Scammers will impersonate Publisher’s Clearing House, offering large cash prizes, but before you can accept the cash the scammers will request personal information or even money! The real Publisher’s Clearing House will NOT contact you before giving you your prize, and they will never ask for money or personal information in return.



Medicare Refund Scam

Scammers will contact beneficiaries claiming that you did not use all your Medicare benefits last year and now you are due for a refund. They will claim that Medicare is sending \$100s to cover the unused benefits, but you need to verify your Medicare number and provide them with bank information to do the deposit. Medicare does NOT offer money back and they will never call asking for your Medicare number or bank information.

Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol has a toll-free hotline to report any Medicare fraud.
Call 888-818-2611 to report fraudulent activity. For more information,
please call or go to www.smpwi.org

