

# PATIENT ALERT

## Medicare Advantage Scams October 7, 2024

**There have been increasing reports of spam calls from fraudulent Medicare Advantage representatives. Enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan may negatively impact your health coverage.**

### Summary

Medicare Advantage spam calls are rising, and it's important to stay vigilant. These calls may result in enrollment without your consent, which can impact your health care coverage and negatively affect your Purchased Referred Care benefits.

Remember, Medicare and Social Security will never contact you by phone, and Gila River Health Care will not share your information with Medicare Advantage representatives.

### Recommendations

Here are some tips to help avoid Medicare Advantage scams:

- ***Never give out your Medicare number, Social Security number, or personal information to anyone who contacts you unsolicited.***
- ***Be cautious of high-pressure sales tactics or scare tactics used to push you into enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan.***

*Be wary of offers for groceries and Visa gift cards in exchange for enrolling in a plan.*

- ***You may also contact a GRHC Eligibility Clerk for guidance on the best plan for your needs.***
- ***GRHC Eligibility Clerks can be reached at 520-562-3321 ext. 2737, 1204, or 1827, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.***