



County of San Bernardino
Department of Aging and Adult Services
(DAAS)

SCAM ALERT

Scam: Health Care Law - Mandatory Insurance Policies

Target: Senior Consumers

State insurance commissioners and attorneys general are warning of scams exploiting uncertainties about the new health care law. Con-artists may call, e-mail or come to your home, present themselves as government officials, tell you that you must have health insurance or go to jail, and describe policies they are selling as “ObamaCare” Insurance. There is no such thing as “ObamaCare” coverage.

- The requirement to have health insurance doesn't begin until 2014, and
- Even then, you cannot be put in jail for not having coverage.

Ways to protect yourself from insurance scams:

- **Never sign up** for an insurance policy without calling your state insurance department to find out if the policy is legitimate and the seller is licensed.
- **Never give** your credit card, bank account, or Social Security number to anyone you don't know.
- **Become familiar** with the main requirements of the health care reform law.

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020, or your local police department.