



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

SCAM ALERT

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are warning the public that a new internet site has been created to look like a government internet site and claims to collect information for the Federally-sponsored Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan.

THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT SITE.

DO NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION TO THIS SITE!

SCAM: Misleading internet site collects your personal information for Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan!

As a result of the Federal Affordable Care Act of 2010, California has a contract with the Federal Department of Health and Human Services to establish a federally-funded high risk pool program to provide health coverage for eligible individuals. The program will last until December 31, 2013, when the national health reform is set to begin. After that date, there will no longer be a need for high risk pools because federal rules will not allow insurers to reject persons with pre-existing conditions or charge them higher rates than those without such conditions.

The federally-funded program is called the California Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP). The PCIP offers health coverage to medically-uninsurable individuals who live in California. The program is available for individuals who have not had health coverage in the last 6 months. This Plan provides the following:

- **Covers a broad range of health benefits.**
- **Does not charge a higher premium due to a medical condition.**
- **Does not base eligibility on income.**

If you are interested in obtaining more information on this plan, please call 1-866-717-5826 or carefully go to the following site: www.pcip.gov.