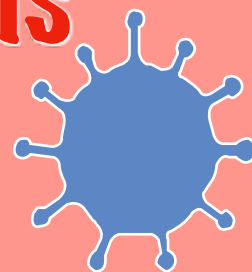




COVID-19 VACCINE SCAMS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO AVOID THEM



Now that the FDA has approved a Coronavirus Monoclonal Antibody Vaccine, fraudsters have already started thinking of ways to scam unsuspecting people out of their money.

Here are some things you need to know.



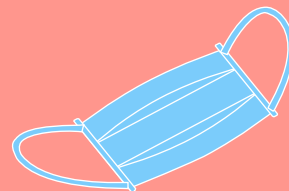
You will not need to pay anything out of pocket to get the vaccine during this public health emergency.



You cannot pay to get early access to the vaccine.



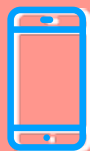
No one from the vaccine distribution site or health care payer, like a private insurance company will call you asking for your Social Security number or your credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine.



No one from Medicare or the Health Department will contact you.



You cannot pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.



If you get a call, text, email - or even someone knocking on your door - claiming they can get you early access to the vaccine, STOP! That's a scam!



Beware of providers offering other products, treatments, or medicines to prevent the virus.



Check with your health care provider before paying for or receiving any COVID-19 related treatment.

If you feel that you've been targeted or a victim of a scam, call the Virginia Senior Medicare Patrol Fraud Hotline

1-800-938-8885

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