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(Neb.)-Tips On How To Avoid Being Scammed On Healthcare Coverage

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(Chadron)-The new government healthcare system, often known as Obamacare, will be taking effect on October 1, which is next Tuesday, and some people are trying to take advantage of others who may be looking for coverage.

Dawes County Sheriff Karl Dailey is offering tips on how to avoid falling into the trap of someone presenting a scam for health coverage. He said that people will NOT ask for money to enroll citizens in Marketplace, which is the Obamacare Insurance. No one legitimately affiliated with the coverage will place excess pressure on people when visiting about the program, there will be no mail solicitations, emails or phone calls. If someone shows up on a doorstep, Dailey urges people to ask for identification.

If people don't make initial contact requesting information about coverage, Dailey said it is possible someone may be attempting to steal your identity. Also, he encourages people to be very careful when giving out any personal information, such as credit card, bank numbers or social security numbers.

There are also "sham" websites. People should look for official government seals, logos, or website addresses. Dailey points out that if someone is a Medicare beneficiary, they do NOT need to buy insurance in the new Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information on the Marketplace, go to healthcare.gov.

(Information courtesy Dawes County Sheriff)