

# Prescription discount card scam

## 2/17/2016

Seniors are currently being targeted by a variation of the prescription discount scam, in which victims are tricked into paying for a card that supposedly will cut their Rx costs.

Of course, some of these discount services do offer genuine savings but many of them are just phony.

In the latest version, telesales callers offer victims their first three prescriptions free if they sign up (and pay for) a supposed mail order service.

This is actually a simple phishing trick. The crooks just want victims' credit card numbers.

They're calling from China but they spoof the number of a medical services company in Virginia.

Action: As always, we advise against making purchases, especially spur of the moment ones, via a telesales offer.

Sadly, these days, you have no way of knowing who really is on the other end of the line.

But you can be sure that the better the deal they offer, the more likely it is to be a scam.

Cherokee County Senior Services has a real legitimate discount card that is free to our seniors. You use the card at your local big chain pharmacy to get discounts on many prescriptions. This card is for individuals who do not have insurance (Medicare is insurance). However, while an individual is in the "Donut Hole" they are considered uninsured and can get discounts on their meds using this card.

Call Bobbi Henson with Cherokee Co. Senior Services @ 770-345-5320 with information on this card and she will mail the card with information on how to get discounts on your prescriptions.