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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING'S SAGEWATCH PROGRAM
WARNS SENIORS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES
FROM IDENTITY THEFT AND MEDICARE FRAUD**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Executive Office on Aging's SageWatch Program is issuing a warning for seniors to beware of individuals representing themselves as agents selling Medicare Part D Prescription Drug and health insurance plans over the phone. SageWatch has been receiving calls from concerned seniors regarding these telemarketing scams, and the aggressive tactics used to solicit personal and banking information.

"Do not under any circumstances provide your personal information to anyone unless you know the person with whom you are dealing," warned Derrick Ariyoshi, SageWatch Program Coordinator.

If you suspect someone is attempting to obtain your personal information or have questions about medical services or billings, call the SageWatch Program for assistance at (808) 586-7281 or toll free at 1-800-296-9422.

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