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Medicare Part D Scam

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The Pennsylvania Senior Medicare Patrol (PA-SMP) has been alerted of a new scam targeting Medicare Part D beneficiaries. Thank you to Berks County APPRISE for reporting this scam:

A Berks County woman received a call from a man claiming to be from her Part D plan. He did not identify the plan name, but said he was calling from her Medicare Part D plan. The scammer told the beneficiary that in order to send out her new 2012 card, he needed to verify her bank account number. Luckily, the beneficiary had already received her 2012 card and knew not to give out any personal information.

Like most scammers, this caller was very insistent, used fear-based tactics, and eventually hung up when the beneficiary asked for his telephone number.

To avoid falling victim to this type of scam, remember these important tips:

- **Protect** - Never give out personal information to unsolicited callers
- **Detect** - Know that Medicare and/or private Part D plans would never ask for your bank account number. If they do, it's a red flag.
- **Report** - If you receive a similar call or would like to report a scam, call the Senior Medicare Patrol at CARIE. A real person will answer your call, no buttons to push or menus to follow.

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