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Rep. Fine Urges Residents to be Aware of Scammers When Looking to Sign Up for Health Insurance

GLENVIEW, Ill. – With enrollment in Illinois’ new health insurance marketplace now underway, state Rep. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, is encouraging residents to avoid potential scams, by using the resources available through the state.

“The health insurance marketplace offer Illinois families the opportunity to get covered and save money, but we must remain alert for scammers who see this marketplace as their opportunity to steal from hard-working residents,” Fine said. “To help consumers avoid scams and receive coverage, the state is training individuals to provide assistance. I encourage residents to contact these certified experts to answer their individual questions and help them enroll.”

To help prevent fraud, the Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI) is training and certifying navigators trained to help Illinoisans apply to the marketplace. Consumers will be able to check the credentials of navigators either by asking them to produce their certificate or checking on the DOI website at insurance.illinois.gov.

Fine also warns residents against responding to unsolicited phone calls that ask for personal, health or financial information, or charge a fee. Seniors and people with disabilities should also be aware that the marketplace does not replace Medicare coverage and they should not give out any information regarding their Medicare card.

“Con artists and identity thieves often take advantage of new situations and try to trick others into giving them their personal information,” Fine said. “To help protect yourself and your family from being victims of identity theft, I encourage you to make sure anyone offering to help you with the health insurance marketplace has the proper credentials. If you have any questions or concerns about enrolling in the marketplace, please contact my office.”

To apply or learn more about the health insurance marketplace, please visit getcoveredillinois.gov or call 866-311-1119. For more information, please call Fine’s constituent service office at 847-998-1717 or email RepFine@gmail.com.

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