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## Fraudulent Companies Promoting Free Medicine

Be cautious of companies that solicit you for free medication. Many pharmaceutical companies have promotions on their products, and this information will be provided to you free of cost. A second party is never required to qualify you for free medication. Sometimes your pharmacist or physician will have coupons, or promotional trial sizes of medication to give away for free. If any nonprofit organizations call and ask for personal information, or payment to assist you in acquiring free medication, contact the Internal Revenue Services to verify if they are registered as a nonprofit organization before disclosing any personal identification information.

## For assistance or more information call:

City of Cleveland Department of Aging Access to Benefits Assistance Program (216) 664-3418 <a href="http://www.cleveland-oh.gov">http://www.cleveland-oh.gov</a> Choose Aging under Department Tab or <a href="http://www.accesstobenefits.org/">http://www.accesstobenefits.org/</a>	Partnership for Prescription Assistance (assistance program) 1 (888) 477-2669 http://www.pparx.org/
Internal Revenue Services (IRS) 1 (800) 829-5500 http://www.irs.gov/app/pub-78/	American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) 1 (888) 687-2277 <a href="http://www.aarp.org/">http://www.aarp.org/</a>
Greater Cleveland Better Business Bureau (BBB) (216) 241-7678 www.cleveland.bbb.org	City of Cleveland, Office of Fair Housing & Consumer Affairs (216) 664-4529 <a href="http://www.cleveland-oh.gov">http://www.cleveland-oh.gov</a> Choose Community Development under Department Tab