



MEDICARE FRAUD ALERT

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How the scam works:

The caller tells you that you have won \$3 million dollars in a lottery! All you have to do to receive the \$3 million is make a payment of \$3,00 via Green Dot MoneyPak and then you will receive monthly payments for the rest of the \$3 million. They even tell you they will make it easy on you and meet you in the Walmart or Target parking lot to get the card!

Scammers have always used wire transfers and credit card numbers to fund their frauds, but these prepaid cards like Green Dot, have become the new preferred payment method because they cannot be traced. A Green Dot MoneyPak allows you to convert cash into digital currency that can be loaded onto a prepaid debit card or added to a PayPal account that requires a PIN number or authorization code. As soon as you give the scammer the code they load the money onto the prepaid card.

Green Dot MoneyPak's have a warning highlighted in yellow cautioning users about fraud. And warn that you should only use your MoneyPak number with businesses listed at www.moneypak.com. If anyone else asks you for your MoneyPak number, it's probably a scam. If a criminal gets your money, Green Dot is not responsible to pay you back.

A lot of scammers use the name of the Better Business Bureau to make their contest sound legitimate; however, the BBB does not participate with any contest, lottery or giveaways.”

Remember: with legitimate contests you never have to pay to claim your prize. If there are any federal taxes to pay, that's between you and the IRS.

Best response? Only use a MoneyPak with businesses on the approved list, found at www.moneypak.com and never give the authorization code or number to a private individual!

Should you realize you've been taken by this scam, call Green Dot right away. They may be able to freeze the funds on the scammer's card, if it hasn't yet been offloaded.

REPORT all scams to the Arkansas SMP—866-726-2916



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