



Beware of Phony “Discount” Health Plans

In these troubled economic times, do not be fooled into buying what is sold as “health insurance” or purchasing a “discount health plan” that does not offer **Real Benefits** or **Costs Too Much** for what you get.

Signs of a discount health scam:

- ✘ Do not buy a plan that offers a discount on doctors and hospitals if you cannot tell what the discount percentage is.
- ✘ Do not buy a plan if you cannot tell which doctors or hospitals participate in the plan.
- ✘ Do not buy a plan if you cannot tell if you can really see a professional in the plan for the kind of care you need.
- ✘ Do not buy a plan if you cannot tell if they are taking new patients or it is not clear how to contact their office.
- ✘ Do not buy a plan if you are not sure how far in the future you must make an appointment.
- ✘ Do not buy a plan if the doctors or hospitals are not close to where you live or work.



Remember: Discount Plans are NOT Health Insurance!

If you’ve been the victim of a phony discount health scam, contact Jessica Rothhaar at Health Access, 510-873-8787 ext. 107 or jessicar@health-access.org.

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