

Emergency Informational Alert

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RE: Government Impersonator Phishing Phone Scam Targeting DC Health Professionals

Dear Licensee:

DC HEALTH has become aware of a PHISHING PHONE SCAM in which an individual or group of individuals posed as DC Health representatives and other government officials. The imposters contacted a licensee with requests for money in association with a District of Columbia health professional license, registration, or certification regarding an alleged investigation. The imposters utilized a device or app that made it appear that they were calling from the DC HEALTH main telephone number.

Please be advised that **DC Health representatives will never contact you with a request for money**. Any legitimate payment or fee will only be associated with a license application, an official Board order or consent agreement, or a formal civil infraction citation. Further, any check or money order payment made to DC Health must always be made payable to DC TREASURER. Any request to make payment to an individual's name or any entity other than DC TREASURER is not valid.

To confirm the identity of DC Health personnel or verify any suspicious requests, please contact (ohplb@dc.gov and/or (202)724-8800).

For more information on how to avoid government impersonator scams, and where to report them, please visit the Federal Trade Commission website link below.

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-government-impersonator-scam#spot%20and%20avoid>

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