

Tennessee Medical Association Member Alert:

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Identity Theft Warning

Bogus Request from Cahaba for Re-enrollment into the Medicare Program

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Tennessee Part A and B Medicare claims processing are transitioning from Cigna Government Services to Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators (CGBA) over the next several months. CGBA will begin processing Part B claims on September 1, 2009.

Recently a TMA member received a facsimile requesting an updated Provider Enrollment Form, CMS 855, on CGBA letterhead. The facsimile included several sections of the 855 form and it

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requested that the physician complete each section, provide copies of supporting documents and fax back to 877-655-5564.

TMA staff has been in contact with CGBA and learned that these facsimiles were sent on counterfeit CGBA letterhead. The facsimile includes the following contact information:

Contact Name: Young Hein

Phone: 877-655-5563

Fax: 877-655-5564

In an alert to providers last fall, CGBA states that this individual has already tried this fraud in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. **This individual is not employed by CGBA, and the phone and fax number are not valid CGBA numbers. Do Not Respond to the fax** - the information could be utilized on a new provider enrollment application, claims could be submitted and payments issued when no services were provided.