

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Consumer Alert - October 9, 2011

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently become aware of a website that has the appearance of being an official government website for the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan.

This new website - <http://preexistingconditioninsuranceplan.com> - is not maintained by any government programs and **consumers are strongly urged not to submit any personal information requested by this website** under the assumption that it is a government website.

CMS is taking the appropriate steps to protect consumers from being misled.

The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan made available through the Affordable Care Act makes health insurance available to people who have had a problem getting insurance due to a pre-existing condition.

The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan:

- Covers a broad range of health benefits, including primary and specialty care, hospital care, and prescription drugs.
- Does not charge you a higher premium just because of your medical condition.
- Does not base eligibility on income.

Individuals interested in the new federally backed pre-existing condition insurance program should visit: www.pcip.gov or call 866-717-5826.