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Southeast Georgia Health System Encourages Community to Remain Vigilant Against Scammers

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: June 17, 2022 – Living in the digital age has many benefits, including increased communication and better access to information, but such opportunities also make it easier for scammers to take advantage of unsuspecting people. Southeast Georgia Health System encourages the community to remain vigilant against online and phone scams. To protect yourself against those who may attempt to steal your money or identity, be sure to practice safe online and phone etiquette.

Signs that it's a scam:

1. **Scammers pretend to be from an organization you know, such as Southeast Georgia Health System or your physician's office.** They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID, so the name and number you see might not be real. If you recognize the phone number or the person identifies themselves as calling from a business you're familiar with, but you suspect it may be a scam, don't provide them with your personal or financial information. Hang up and call the business yourself to confirm they're legitimate.
2. **Scammers say there's a problem or a prize.** They might say you're in trouble with the government, you owe money or that someone in your family had an emergency. Some scammers claim that you've won a prize, and to claim it, you must provide personal and private information. Resist the pressure to act immediately. Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision.
3. **Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way.** They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Resist giving them personal information or money in any form. Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal and private information.

If you were scammed, or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission: reportfraud.ftc.gov

ABOUT SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM

Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two long term care facilities, two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopaedic and spine care, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management and wound care. The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and is one of the few centers in Georgia to offer CyberKnife® M6 with MLC. Additionally, the Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 160 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 50 locations. For more information, visit sghs.org.

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