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The unauthorized use of the term “Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) or TRICARE” by private business to imply an official connection with the Government is prohibited and is considered an abusive activity under Title 32 CFR 199.9(b)(8). Websites and e-mails implying an official connection with TRICARE have been identified that specifically target TRICARE beneficiaries for personal information such as Social Security Number, date of birth, and contact information.

Fraudsters commonly use websites and emails in the hopes of getting unsuspecting victims to divulge their personal/financial information. Personal/financial information should never be provided to an unknown source. Be cautious about opening an attachment or downloading any files from emails you receive. Do not reply to email or pop-up messages that ask for personal or financial information. Don't click on links in messages from unknown sources. Avoid providing personal/financial information as part of any website registration application.

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