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**From:** MEDICINE Naturopathic \* OBNM  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** MEDICINE Naturopathic \* OBNM  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT NOTICE - Suspicious Phone Calls / Phone Scams Involving Government Impersonators Target Board Licensees

### **Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine Investigator / Staff / FBI Impersonators**

The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine and other health licensing boards have received reports of scammers calling licensees claiming to be Board investigators. In some instances, scammers are able to replicate the Board phone number. The Boards have received reports of similar phone scams involving FBI impersonators who claim licensees are at risk of losing their license / that their license has been suspended. Please handle any suspicious calls with caution.

If you receive a suspicious phone call, do not provide any sensitive information and immediately contact the Board at 971-673-0193 or [Naturopathic.Medicine@obnm.oregon.gov](mailto:Naturopathic.Medicine@obnm.oregon.gov).

For more information and to report calls to the OR Department of Justice Fraud Hotline:

<https://www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection/sales-scams-fraud/report-scams-fraud/#:~:text=If%20you%20suspect%20Medicaid%20fraud%20may%20be%20occurring,Pacific%20Time%29%20Fax%20your%20written%20complaint%20to%20503-373-1525>.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you were under investigation or disciplined by the Board you would not be notified (only) by phone. The Board notifies licensees **in writing** if there is an investigation into licensee conduct. Further, if the Board determined based on an investigation there was a violation of statute or rule; the Board would send to you, **via certified mail**, a notice of proposed discipline explaining both the violation and the proposed discipline.

### **DEA Impersonator Phone Scam**

The Drug Enforcement Administration is warning the public, including the DEA registrant community, about criminals posing as DEA Special Agents, DEA Investigators, or other law enforcement personnel as part of an international extortion scheme.

The criminals call the victims (who in most cases previously purchased drugs over the internet or by telephone) and identify themselves as DEA agents or law enforcement officials from other agencies. The impersonators inform their victims that purchasing drugs over the internet or by telephone is illegal and that enforcement action will be taken against them unless they pay a fine. In most cases, the impersonators instruct their victims to pay the "fine" via wire transfer to a designated location, usually overseas. If victims refuse to send money, the impersonators often threaten to arrest them or search their property. Some victims who purchased their drugs using a credit card also reported fraudulent use of their credit cards. Another scheme involves criminals contacting doctors and pharmacists and stating that they are the subject of an investigation and demanding money to clear up the matter.

The public should be aware that no DEA agent will ever contact members of the public by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment.

For more information, visit .

<https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2021/03/03/dea-warning-scammers-impersonating-dea-agents-0>

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Per Governor Kate Brown's Executive Order 20-12, the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine is closed to the public. Board staff will primarily work remotely for the duration of the order, therefore, email is the most efficient mode of communication at this time. We appreciate your patience.

In Health;

*Mary-Beth Baptista (She/Her) – Executive Director*

**PLEASE UPDATE THE BOARD EMAIL ADDRESS: [Naturopathic.Medicine@obnm.oregon.gov](mailto:Naturopathic.Medicine@obnm.oregon.gov)**

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