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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - May 22, 2020



This week, I issued a Consumer Alert for Floridians with loved ones residing in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Reports of these facilities seizing residents' stimulus payments are beginning to surface nationwide.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, some facility operators are taking payments meant for residents on Medicaid—justifying the seizure by claiming the facility, not the individual, is entitled to the payments.

This is disgraceful and unacceptable.

As we have seen throughout this crisis, residents in these facilities are at a higher risk of suffering and dying from COVID-19. They shouldn't have to carry the additional burden of worrying about their stimulus money being taken by those entrusted with their care. CARES Act payments are classified as a tax credit, not a federal benefit, and are allocated to individuals, not these facilities.

Please check on your loved ones living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Ask if their stimulus payments have been received. If they haven't, ask the facility's management if they are holding the payments.

If they are, contact my office immediately by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or by visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](https://www.myfloridalegal.com). For more information, please visit my Consumer Alert webpage at [MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert](https://www.myfloridalegal.com/ConsumerAlert).

Stay safe, Florida.

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