

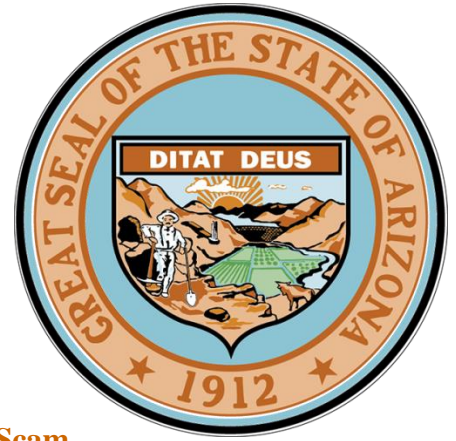
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Be Aware: Fake AMB Agents Extortion Scam

NOTICE:

FROM THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD:

The Arizona Medical Board (AMB) recently learned that scam artists, posing as employees of the AMB, have been calling physicians stating that the provider's medical license has been suspended due to an ongoing FBI investigation.

The details of the purported calls vary but oftentimes include allegations of large quantities of opioids being found and connected to the provider.

The caller then pretends to offer to act as an intermediary for the provider and asks for personal identifying information and financial information.

Ultimately, they ask for a transfer of funds to end the suspension of the license and mediate with the FBI.

The scammers' phone number may show up on caller-ID as the AMB's main number, (480) 551-2700

No agent of the AMB or AMB staff will ever contact physicians by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment.

If you receive a call such as the one described, refuse the demand for payment. Please also consider the following:

- If the caller is stating they are from the DEA, immediately report the threat using the [DEA's Extortion Scam Online Reporting form](#).

If the individual identifies themselves as an AMB employee, please contact the Board at (480) 551-2700 or send an email to tocommunications@azmd.gov

- If the phone number of the caller appears to be the AMB's number, it is recommended that you also submit an online complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) using the [FCC's Consumer Complaint form](#) or contact the Board so it can provide this information to the FCC.

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