



IHSS Provider Facebook Messenger SCAM Alert!!

We were recently contacted by an IHSS Provider about a potential Facebook Messenger Scam focused on IHSS Providers. Due to the fact there was a fair amount of confusion around the recent IHSS Provider “Hero Payments” we are concerned that there may be more attempts to target IHSS Providers with this scam. The scammer creates a fake Facebook Account under the name of an existing Facebook friend or someone else you know. In this case, the provider was told that their “friend” saw their name on a list of people eligible for an \$80,000 grant for IHSS providers.

The way this scam usually plays out is that the “friend” tells you to contact a number via text or phone call for more information. The scammer then has your phone number, and tries to get further information from you, and may ask you to send money as an “application fee” or some variation of that it could be a small amount or a modest sum. They then have everything they need to take over your cell phone account, and then drain your bank accounts.

If you get a message like this, do not respond! Block the person and report them to Facebook. You may also file a complaint with your local law enforcement agency. This may be a good time to review your Facebook privacy and security settings. This link is to an article from consumer reports that explains how Facebook Messenger scams work: [Consumer Reports - How to avoid Facebook Messenger Scams](#)

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