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ATTORNEY GENERAL RUSSELL SUZUKI TO HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE REGARDING NEW MEDICARE CARDS AND FRAUD PROTECTION

HONOLULU – Attorney General Russell Suzuki, together with a Medicare official, and a representative of the State Executive Office on Aging, will hold a news conference tomorrow, **Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Department of the Attorney General, 425 Queen Street, Honolulu. The purpose is to provide information about the rollout of new Medicare cards to 262,000 beneficiaries in the State, and how to protect Hawaii's seniors from related fraud and scams.

Attorney General Suzuki will discuss the growing problem of senior identity theft and provide tips to help seniors protect themselves against healthcare fraud.

Tom Duran, Pacific Area Representative for the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, based in Honolulu, will provide details about the new Medicare cards and display a sample of what they look like.

Kaipolani Cullen, Volunteer Coordinator of the Senior Medicare Patrol at the Executive Office on Aging, will discuss her organization's efforts to educate local seniors about the new Medicare cards and help seniors detect and report Medicare fraud.

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