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### **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The Sidney Police Department has received concerns of a possible telephone scam centered around a bogus survey company purporting to be sanctioned by Sidney Regional Medical Center (SRMC). The survey is regarding the Cheyenne County Immunization Clinic (CCIC) which is operated by SRMC. The survey caller advises the potential victim that they will be eligible for a cash prize/incentive for completing the survey. If the potential victim agrees, they are asked for their banking and/or credit card information.

If you receive a phone call similar to this, please ask for a call-back telephone number and advise the caller that you will verify their legitimacy and re-contact them. SRMC does indeed utilize a third party company. HealthStream Research (Laurel, MD) conducts patient surveys on the behalf of SRMC. However, HealthStream will never ask you for your personal financial information.

If you receive a survey call that is suspicious, please contact the Sidney Police Department immediately.

Remember, do not give out your personal banking or credit card information over the phone unless you know with certainty you are dealing with a trusted financial institution or business. Some survey companies do in fact offer incentives for completing their surveys, however no legitimate survey company has any need for your personal financial information such as bank account numbers or credit card information.

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