

Community Partnerships

Senior Medicare Patrol is a statewide program that depends on the involvement of local community organizations to strengthen our fight against health care fraud. Community partners help SMP establish a strong presence by offering:

- A trusted and well-known face
- Display space for program information
- Meeting space for education sessions
- A volunteer source
- Access to local media

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Protecting Medicare from Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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Fighting Health Care Fraud

Each year, billions of dollars are lost to Medicare and Medicaid fraud. The cost is estimated to be \$90 billion annually; the cost in terms of loss of quality of care is immeasurable.

In 1997, the Administration on Aging (AoA) developed Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), a program that enlists the help of senior volunteers to teach Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries to recognize and report health care fraud. eQHealth Solutions is the administrator of the Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi grants. Our partners include the Governors Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA), Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), HHS/Office of Inspector General and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.



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Three Easy Steps To Fight Health Care Fraud

Protect

Protecting personal information is the best line of defense in the fight against health care fraud and abuse.

Detect

Even the most careful beneficiaries can become a victim of fraud. Checking Medicare Summary Notices and Part D Explanation of Benefits documents for any mistakes is the best way to make sure the services and prescriptions that appear were actually received by the beneficiary.

Report

Any suspicion of errors should be reported immediately. Questions concerning Medicare Summary Notices or Part D Explanation of Benefits documents should be addressed with the provider first. Any unresolved or unsatisfactory outcomes should be reported to Senior Medicare Patrol.

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What Can I Do To Fight Medicare Fraud?

Medicare fraud is a problem that affects all Americans. Medicare funds that could be used to improve healthcare services for Medicare beneficiaries are lost to fraud and waste. In addition, it affects everyone who pays taxes because billions of tax dollars are being wasted.

However, without some education on Medicare billing and fraud prevention, most seniors will not notice incorrect charges and will not know where to report any problems.

SMP needs professional partners to provide this education to the seniors they serve. Partner educators will be trained and supported by SMP. Are you ready to partner with us as we teach seniors to prevent health care fraud? Call us at 1-877 272-8720.

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