

WHAT IS MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK?

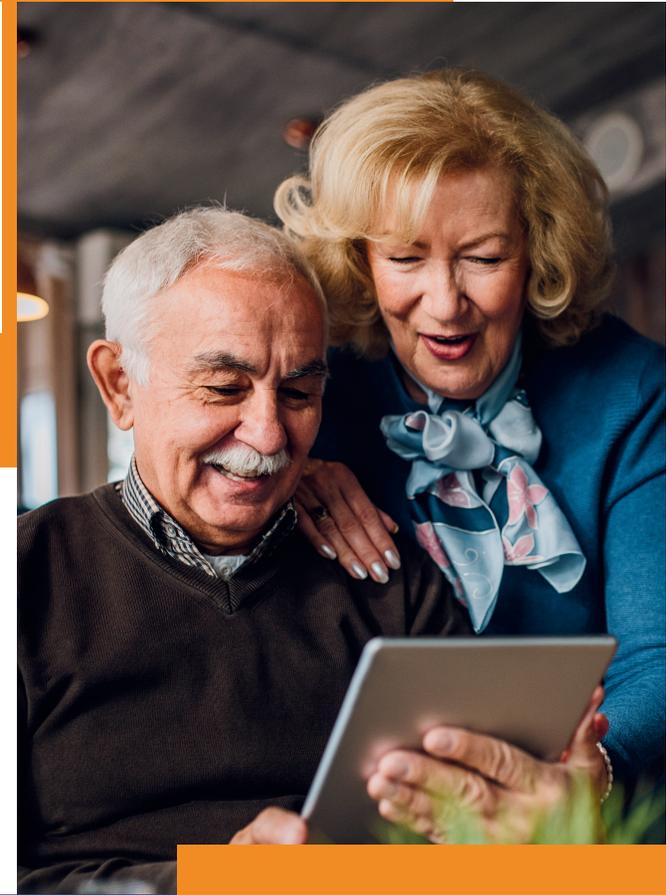
Medicare Fraud Prevention Week focuses on the actions *everyone* can take to prevent Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse.



Preventing Medicare Fraud

About the SMP

Senior Medicare Patrols (SMPs) empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse.



Every day during the week, there will be a takeaway for beneficiaries, caregivers, families, professionals, health care providers, and the entire community!

Learn how you can protect yourself and your loved ones from Medicare fraud by joining the SMP for Medicare Fraud Prevention week!

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MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK RUNS THE WEEK OF 6/5!

BENEFICIARIES

The best way to stop fraud from happening is to stop it in the first place. Remember the three steps from the SMP: Prevent, Detect, Report!

- **Prevent:** Open and read your Medicare statements.
- **Detect:** Look for things like double charges or services you don't recognize.
- **Report:** Contact the SMP for questions or concerns.

CAREGIVERS

Learn how to prevent and detect health care fraud, errors, and abuse and teach your client or loved ones how.

Look out for things like boxes of knee braces (durable medical equipment, or DME) lying around the house. This clue may mean your client or loved one has been a victim to a scam.



FAMILIES

Talk to your loved ones about protecting their Medicare number just as they would a credit card number.

Help your loved ones create a Medicare.gov account to access their Medicare claims online or remind them to review their statements when they come in the mail every three months.

PARTNERS & PROFESSIONALS

Celebrate Medicare Fraud Prevention Week by sharing SMP information on social media, referring clients and consumers to the SMP, and inviting the SMP to speak during an event.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Celebrate by talking to patients about health care-related scams such as those related to durable medical equipment and genetic testing schemes. Needed medical items should never be ordered through TV ads or unsolicited calls.



COMMUNITY

As a community, we can participate by looking out for our older neighbors and community members.



Request a free My Health Care Tracker from your SMP.