



LET'S TALK FRAUD

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Hear from SMP Volunteer Jean Stone

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It's Summer, let's have some fun! What can you find?

1. A copy of your MSN, EOB or healthcare journal.
2. A flyer from StateWide on Medicare Fraud.
3. Something RED that includes the SW logo.
4. Write down (1) tip to avoid fraud.

Now take a quick photo of what you found and email Beth Nelson. Everyone who sends in a photo will receive a prize!

Hello,

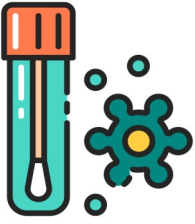
In this issue of our SMP Monthly newsletter, we are focusing on the scams that are happening in the community right now. The door-to-door DNA and the unsolicited text scams are alive and well as you can see when reading this issue. Please be aware that the pandemic has not lessened the activity of these fraudsters.

You will also see a short profile of one our SMP volunteers Jean Stone, who retired from an impressive career working for the Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS) and has continued this work with us.

On a personal note, please take some time to take care of yourself. Now is the time to also stay in touch with our families, friends, and neighbors. Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!

Always,
Beth Nelson, Director
NYS Senior Medicare Patrol

Door-to-Door DNA



The Scam: Patrick Saido, from Texas, hired people to go door-to-door to solicit the elderly and poor residents of Burke County.

- The employees were paid \$150 for each person who provided their personal identity information and a DNA swab.
- The swabs were sent to a company which worked with a physician to obtain approval for the DNA tests.
- The tests were billed to Medicaid and Medicare for \$30,000 each. Saido would get kickbacks for each test.

The Sentence: Saido faces a sentence of up to five years and a fine of \$250,000.

- He must repay a minimum of \$1 million to the federal government to reimburse fraudulent bills paid by Medicare and Medicaid.

Remember to tell your contacts in your community to be cautious of anyone going door-to-door to offer free testing, supplies or treatments.

Meet SMP Volunteer Jean Stone



Jean Stone retired July 1, 2017 after 46 1/2 years from the US Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). She participated in training CMS Medicare contractors,

federal and state law enforcement and at national SMP conferences on Medicare fraud and abuse prevention, detection and reporting.

- ❖ Jean testified as an expert witness in more than 60 Medicare civil and criminal fraud trials, grand juries, depositions & sentencing hearings in 10 states, DC and PR.
- ❖ She trained HHS OIG special agents at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, GA and OIG's facility in Maryland.
- ❖ She also was a Medicare Fraud instructor at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Jean has been an SMP volunteer since her retirement. She makes SMP presentations throughout NYC and we are lucky to have her on the NYS SMP team!

On her spare time, Jean feeds a colony of East Village feral cats and is president of her CO-OP board.

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