



REMINDERS



Join us for the
SMP Volunteer Meeting
on July 16, 11:00 AM

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646-558-8656, Meeting
ID: 533 682 2516

Greetings,

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July and hope that you get to spend time with your family and loved ones during this summer holiday season.

Thank-you to all of the volunteers that attended our SMP meeting last month. We had an excellent discussion about Medical Identity Theft and will be focusing on Home Health Care Fraud for our meeting in July. Medicare has strict rules for Home Health Care which not only protects Medicare, but also protects the individual from receiving care from questionable providers. If you know someone who is receiving home health care services, remind them to always review their MSNs and EOBs. The article featured (on back) provides an overview of this type of fraud and what to look out for.



Now that we can start making in-person presentations and tabling at events, please take photos so we can share them in our future newsletters. If you need any giveaways or flyers for an upcoming event, please let us know. Happy 4th to all!

- Beth Nelson, NYS SMP Director

SAVE THE DATES

8/20, 11 AM:
SMP Volunteer Meeting
with PA volunteers

9/17, 11 AM: Sept. SMP
Volunteer Meeting

10/12-10/14:
NY StateWide Senior
Action Council Virtual
Convention



Medicare Fraud Helpline 800-333-4374

Report Potential Home Health Care Fraud, Errors, or Abuse if:

You see charges on your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) for:

- Home health services when you did not meet Medicare's "homebound" criteria.
- Services that were not considered medically necessary by your doctor.
- Home health services like skilled nursing care and/or therapy services that were not provided.

You were:

- Enrolled in home health services by a doctor you do not know.
- Offered things such as "free" groceries or a "free" ride from a home health agency in exchange for your Medicare number or to switch to a different home health agency.
- Charged a copayment for home health services.
- Asked to sign forms verifying that home health services were provided even though you did not receive any services.
- Someone came to your home and provided housekeeping or medication services, but you see on your MSN or EOB that Medicare was billed for a covered service like skilled nursing or other therapy instead.
- You accept cash or gifts in exchange for going along with a home health scam.



Meet SMP Volunteer Ronnie Avnet Stoll

I'm a retired Special Education teacher. I've always taught and lectured to audiences of students, parents, administrators & teachers.

My passion is to educate about things that are important to me. I've heard of so many people that were scammed or came close to being scammed. It seems that every few months there are more and more schemes to get our money. I want to teach people to be proactive and I'm thrilled to be a part of the SMP team.

- SMP Volunteer since 6/2021

Q: What is considered homebound?

A: You are unable to leave your home without assistance, it requires considerable and major effort, or it is considered dangerous due to your current health condition.

Q: What are skilled home health services?

A: Wound care for pressure sores or a surgical wound, patient and caregiver education, Intravenous or nutrition therapy, injections, monitoring serious illness and unstable health status.

Sources: smpresource.org and medicare.gov



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