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Celebrating 25 Years Of The  **SMP**

Senior Medicare Patrol
Preventing Medicare Fraud

6/5 MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK STARTS! #MFPW

REMINDERS

Join us for the
SMP Volunteer Meeting on June 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM.

- To join by computer
Click [HERE](#)
- To join by phone dial
646-558-8656, Meeting

Hello,

Wow, it's already June and it feels like we jumped right into summer! We hope that everyone is enjoying the outdoors and warmer weather.

June is another busy month as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the SMP program. To commemorate this event, the SMP created a national week (June 5—11) focused on Medicare Fraud Prevention. Everyone including staff, volunteers, and our partner organizations can play a part in the fight against fraud. Here are some examples:

- [Join the National Facebook Event](#), June 5—11 at 11 AM.
- **Take the SMP Checklist Challenge.** Complete each task on the list, fill out the form [HERE](#) and everyone who completes the challenge will receive some fun **SMP SWAG!**
- Share and like our **SMP Social Media** posts
- **Watch videos** on [How to Read Your Medicare Summary Notice](#), [How to Use My Healthcare Tracker](#) and more on the [SMP Video Resource page](#) (see back)

Our next meeting will be on June 17, 11 AM. **Thank you for participating in the Medicare Fraud Prevention Week!**

- NY StateWide Senior Action Council Staff

MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK **SMP CHECKLIST CHALLENGE** JUNE 5 - JUNE 11

- ☐ REVIEW YOUR MEDICARE SUMMARY NOTICE OR EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS
- ☐ ORDER YOUR HEALTH CARE TRACKER
- ☐ READ A NEWS ARTICLE ABOUT FRAUD ON THE SMP WEBSITE WWW.SMP.RESOURCE.GOV
- ☐ SHARE FLYERS AT A COMMUNITY MEETING OR EVENT
- ☐ CALL A FRIEND OR TELL YOUR NEIGHBOR ABOUT THE LATEST HEALTHCARE SCAM
- ☐ VOLUNTEER WITH THE NYS SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL
- ☐ REMIND YOUR LOVED ONE TO NEVER GIVE OUT THEIR MEDICARE NUMBER OR PERSONAL INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE

ONCE COMPLETED, FILL OUT THE FORM [HERE](#). THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR SMP CHECKLIST CHALLENGE.



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The SMP Resource Center is excited to roll out three new SMP Medicare Fraud Prevention Week animation videos

Please share these with your community and partners during Fraud Prevention Week:

- [3 Tips to Help Prevent Medicare Fraud for Beneficiaries](#)
- [3 Tips to Help Prevent Medicare Fraud for Families and Caregivers](#)
- [3 Tips to Help Prevent Medicare Fraud for Health Care Providers](#)



Protect Yourself from Fraud

Guard Your Cards: Social Security, Medicare & credit card numbers.

Stay Safe Online. Use unique passwords for each online account.

Ensure antivirus and security software is up to date on devices.

Stay Safe on the Phone. Hang up or prepare a “refusal script” and post it in a convenient place so you’re ready if a shady person calls.

Review Your MSN and EOB each month. Check it against your Personal Healthcare Tracker.

Be Social Media Savvy. Check privacy settings to restrict who can view your posts. Never accept a friend request from someone you don’t know.

Report it. Call the SMP Helpline if you believe you are a victim of Medicare Fraud or have a question about a charge on your MSN or EOB.

Source: smpresource.org



Welcome SMP Volunteer Marcia Richman

Marcia joined the NYS Senior Medicare Patrol in March 2022 and lives in Brooklyn, NY. She is an

advanced practice nurse devoted to people with intellectual & developmental disabilities. “Volunteering is a way to share information, knowledge, and friendship with people who need some support and encouragement to achieve a bit more. I am thankful and grateful for the opportunity.”



You can now order more free COVID tests from USPS!

This time it’s 8 tests per household.

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Scammers are emailing & texting pictures of real and doctored law enforcement credentials to prove they are

legitimate and scam people out of money.

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The NYS Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) can help you with your questions, concerns, or complaints about potential fraud issues. Please call the NYS SMP at 800-333-4374.

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