

## MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK!



## REMINDERS



Join us for the SMP  
Volunteer Meeting on  
**June 16, at 11:00 AM.**

- To join by computer  
Click [HERE](#)
- To join by phone dial  
646-558-8656, Meeting  
ID: 533 682 2516

Hello,

**Today, 6/5 is the first day of Medicare Fraud Prevention Week!**

During Medicare Fraud Prevention Week (MFPW), we can all play a crucial role in raising awareness and preventing Medicare fraud.

Here are some activities that you can take part in:

- **Organize/Schedule presentations & workshops** to educate seniors in your community about Medicare fraud prevention.
- **Distribute SMP informational brochures and flyers on Medicare fraud prevention.** Collaborate with local community centers, senior centers, healthcare facilities, and libraries to make these materials available to a wider audience.
- **Participate in our SMP Checklist Challenge.** [Click HERE for more information.](#)
- **Like and share our FB posts and tweets this week.** Encourage your followers to share the information with their networks.
- **Take advantage of MFPW to recruit new SMP volunteers.** Invite a friend to join you as an SMP volunteer. You can work together, share ideas, and collaborate on outreach activities, making the volunteering experience more fun!

We would love to hear about your plans for MFPW. Please share your activities and outreach efforts in an email ([joan@nysenior.org](mailto:joan@nysenior.org)) to us. We thank you for your commitment and for being partners in the fight against Medicare fraud.

## IN THE NEWS—PRINT

- [A Covid Test Medicare Scam May Be a Trial Run for Further Fraud](#)
- [Medicare Fraud Prevention Week June 5-11 Teaches Everyone How to Prevent Fraud](#)
- Consumer Alert from the FTC - [Medicaid: Spotting the scams | Consumer Advice \(ftc.gov\)](#)

## IN THE NEWS—VIDEOS

- [7 On Your Side: Tips to avoid scams amid end of COVID emergency](#)
- [Cyber scammers target parents, grandparents for digital theft | 60 Minutes](#)

## EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

- [How to Read Your Medicare Summary Notice \(MSN\).](#)
- [Be Scam Smart—Read Your MSN](#)

# Medicare Fraud Helpline 800-333-4374

Join us on Facebook and Twitter during the upcoming MFPW event to stay informed and protect yourself from scams.

Check out social posts from our Be Scam Smart campaign (below) and [view the entire campaign HERE](#). Share these important messages with others in your community!

## BE SCAM SMART

About the Medicaid Recertification Process



- Applying for Medicaid is FREE.
- You **don't** need to provide a credit card.
- Medicare **won't** need your MEDICARE NUMBER.
- You **never** need to pay to continue benefits.

Don't fall prey to scammers who say they can expedite your certification. Report them to the NYS Senior Medicare Patrol Helpline at 800-333-4374



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## BE SCAM SMART

About your Medicare Card



- Offers of a plastic Medicare card are scams.
- Medicare only offers and approves a paper card.
- If you get a call saying you qualify for a new card - **HANG UP!** Do not verify your Medicare number or other personal information.

If you have given out your information to receive a plastic Medicare card, contact the NYS SMP at 800-333-4374



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## SMP Spotlight

An informative Town Hall Meeting with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region 2 Director Dr. Dara Kass.

**Thank you Newtown Older Adult Center & the NYS SMP Empowerment Council for hosting the event!**



Q & A Session with Dr. Kass



Ready for MFPW with Dr. Kass



Newtown Staff, SMP Empowerment Council members, Maria Alvarez and Ponce Bank



Esther Lin,  
SMP Volunteer



James Mcmenamin, SMP  
Volunteer; Bo Yi Ng,  
Translator, Ponce Bank



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