

# SMP MONTHLY

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## REMINDERS



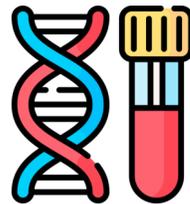
Join us for the SMP  
Volunteer Meeting on  
**FEB 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM.**

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

Hello,

This month's newsletter focuses on an SMP  
**Consumer Fraud Alert: Genetic Testing Fraud.**

This type of fraud occurs when Medicare is billed  
for a test or screening that is neither medically  
necessary nor ordered by a beneficiary's treating physician.



It's important to **review your Medicare Statements** for these  
tests, as a denial by Medicare could leave you **responsible for  
the entire cost, averaging between \$9,000-\$11,000.** We will  
look at an example of a Genetic Testing Scam and ways we can  
protect ourselves on page 2.

In addition to our focus on genetic testing fraud, we are excited  
to introduce one of our newest outreach counselors, Beata  
Karpinska-Prehn. Beata works out of our Saratoga office and  
you can find more information about her on page 2.

We appreciate your dedication to the SMP program, and we  
hope you will join us for our virtual SMP Volunteer Meeting on  
the 16th. Thank you for all that you contribute to our mission!

## DID YOU KNOW?

The SMP has heard reports  
of urinary catheter kits  
showing up as claims on  
Medicare statements. Please  
review your Medicare state-  
ments and look through all  
claims. If you see something  
that seems wrong or you  
don't understand, contact  
the NYS SMP!

## SAVE THE DATE! NEW LOCATION!

**This year, our 2024  
StateWide Convention will  
be held on OCT 21-23** at the  
[Saratoga Springs Embassy  
Suites](#). Stay tuned for more  
information.

**Medicare Fraud Helpline 800-333-4374**

