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Preventing Medicare Fraud

Navigating Medicare

Growing Partnerships: Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

How can we work together?
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What are we going to talk about today?

- ✓ SMP Program Insights
- ✓ SMP Volunteer Team and Mission Delivery
- ✓ When and how to refer to and partner with SMP



- SMP
- SHIP
- MIPPA



The SMP mission...

Empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers

to prevent, detect, and report, health care fraud, errors, and abuse,

through outreach, counseling, and education.





SMP Mission Delivery

Give Presentations





Why do we need a SMP program?

Billions of federal dollars are lost annually due to healthcare fraud, errors, and abuse.

How many Billions?



Scams in Wisconsin

- ✓ New Medicare Card Scam
- ✓ Durable Medical Equipment Scam
- ✓ Genetic Testing Scam





SMP Program Insights

- ✓ SMP Website: <u>smpwi.org</u>
 - ✓ Resources
 - ✓ Multiple languages
- √ "The Scoop"
- ✓ Social Media Platforms
 - √ Facebook
 - ✓ LinkedIn



SMP Volunteer Team

- ✓ What do volunteers do?
- ✓ How are they trained?
- ✓ How is the volunteer program run?
- √ Focus on engagement





Volunteer Perspective: Jim Tripp





How do referrals work?

- ✓ SMP Helpline (888) 818-2611
 - ✓ Suspected fraud, errors, abuse
 - ✓ Compromised Medicare number
 - ✓ Report suspicious phone calls
 - ✓ Questions about Medicare statements
 - ✓ Concerns about Medicare plan TV commercials, mailings, etc.
 - ✓ Documentation is important
 - ✓ Insurance Agent Misconduct: OCI complaint filing
- ✓ Complaint Tracking Module (CTM) vs SMP processes
- ✓ SMP referrals to ADRCs/Aging Units



SMP Outreach

- ✓ Successful Partnerships
 - ✓ ADRCs/Aging Units
 - ✓ Rural areas
 - ✓ Congregate Meal Sites
 - ✓ Senior Living Communities
 - ✓ Tribal Communities and Elders
- √ Keys to Success
 - ✓ Time
 - ✓ Responsiveness
 - ✓ Consistency
 - ✓ Focus on relationship building





What's next for SMP?

- ✓ Spanish-speaking communities
 - ✓ Spanish-speaking staff and volunteers
 - ✓ Translated materials

- ✓ LGBTQ+ population
- ✓ Continued volunteer recruitment



Partnership Ideas

- ✓ Successful Collaboration Examples
 - ✓ Medicare 101/Welcome to Medicare sessions
 - ✓ Share SMP materials/resources
 - ✓ Co-presenting at events
 - ✓ Referrals between programs

Chat:

- ✓ What else can we do to work together?
- ✓ Do you have any successful partnerships in your community or currently building a relationship with?



SHIP Resources



Navigating Medicare

- **✓ SHIP TA Center**
 - Use search bar to look up topics
 - SHIP Promising Practices
 - Volunteer Program Management
 - Medicare Minutes *add SMP info
- ✓ GWAAR Medicare Outreach & Assistance Resources
 - SHIP Volunteer Resources

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