



Preventing Medicare Fraud

Media Alert:

Medicare Fraud Prevention Week

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Governor Tony Evers Proclaims Medicare Fraud Prevention Week, June 2–8

(Madison) Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers today declared next week, June 2-8, Medicare Fraud Prevention Week in Wisconsin.

"We are thrilled that Governor Evers has helped us call attention to Medicare fraud," said Ingrid Kunding, Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol Program Director. "During Medicare Fraud Prevention Week, Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol reaffirms its commitment to educating and empowering older adults, caregivers, and professionals to prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud—safeguarding vital resources and ensuring the integrity of the program for all beneficiaries."

The Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) provides Medicare beneficiaries, their caregivers and families with the information needed to PROTECT themselves from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse; DETECT potential fraud, errors, and abuse; and REPORT concerns. They also provide information and educational presentations. Find out more at www.smpwi.org.

The Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol program is housed at the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR).

Here is the text of the Governor's Proclamation:

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Proclamation

WHEREAS; Medicare is a vital program that provides access to health insurance coverage to tens of millions of Americans and Wisconsinites, however, each year, scams, fraud, and abuse pose a great risk to those who depend on Medicare, including seniors and individuals with disabilities, across the

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country; and

WHEREAS; this critical program has become a target for bad and fraudulent actors seeking to prey on Medicare participants, which is why protecting consumers from these types of scams remains a top priority for the state;

WHEREAS; everyone, including beneficiaries, caregivers, families, professionals, healthcare providers, and community members, plays a valuable role in the fight against Medicare fraud and scams;

WHEREAS; increased awareness of these types of scams can save individuals time, money, and hassle, and programs and resources exist to protect and inform Medicare beneficiaries in Wisconsin, such as Senior Medicare Patrol, a statewide program that empowers and assists beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report healthcare fraud, errors, scams, and abuse; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Health Services State Health Insurance Assistance Program is another service available to Medicare members and caregivers that provides unbiased resources and confidential guidance that can help prevent Medicare errors, fraud, and scams; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins local, state, and federal partners in emphasizing the importance of promoting and protecting Medicare as a vital resource for individuals by encouraging all Wisconsinites to be aware of Medicare fraud and scams and utilize available statewide resources as necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2 - 8, 2025, as MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30th day of May 2025.

TONY EVERS, GOVERNOR

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