



Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

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- \$60 billion / year lost in fraud & abuse
- 54 SMPs across the country
- Fraud prevention education
 - Detect fraudulent billing
 - Understand the Medicare Summary Notice
- Webinars and Fraud alerts
- Research, refer fraud allegations



Impact of Medicare Fraud

- Fraudulent claims result in **Red Flag**
 - Over-utilizers
- Fraudulent claims result in **tightening of benefits**
 - Ambulance Transport denials
 - Durable Medical Equipment



Trending

- Ads claim **free** medical equipment
 - Beneficiary calls, discloses birthdate, doctor name
 - Vendor cold calls senior, asks if they are in pain or is there a diabetic in the house
 - Vendor obtains information, faxes authorizations to doctors
- Medical equipment requires Rx
- Do not divulge personal information
- Alert your doctor



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