

Skit: Superheroes in Los Angeles Investigate Part D Fraud

(Read out loud to audience....) Superheroes are having a meeting in Los Angeles, one of the national fraud hotspots, to discuss Part D Fraud. The Office of Inspector General released 2 reports in June regarding Part D fraud, and the problem is now out of hand. The superheroes are quite concerned and are having a heated discussion and realize this is their next big priority!

Superhero #1: Did you here that in June the Department of Health and Human Services announced the largest ever national take down charging 243 individuals for \$712 billion in fraudulent billing? Incredible!! And 44 of those individuals were charged with fraud involving the Part D prescription drug benefit. This is just a small glimpse of what is happening on a large scale!!

Superhero #2: Yes! And I've been seeing these fraud tactics, particularly the Part D fraud in action!

Superhero #3: Oh really?! What have you been seeing? Do tell and let's make a plan to protect our seniors and Medicare and stop this fraud!

Superhero #2: Well, come on and look over here – this is one scheme called “drug diversion” where people sell their drugs on the street. Look! These kids are getting into grandma's pills!

(Superhero#1 and #3, come running over to look)

(Change scenes – 2 kids getting into Grandma's pill bottles...pouring pills into their hands and stuffing them into their pockets or into a baggy)

Kid #1 (Can have another actor/actress be Kid #2 in this scene): Haha! Look Sally, these are my grandma's prescription painkillers! We're rich!! We'll make big bucks selling these on the street! Haha!

*(Other kid's eyes light up and s/he laughs too.
The 2 of them run off with pills in hand to sell.)*

Back to Superheroes...

Superhero #3: Boy, that's awful!

Superhero #2: Yeah! And here's another scheme, ...Look!! This is called Doctor shopping – where a beneficiaries goes from doctor to doctor collecting prescriptions to sell.

Change scenes....

Beneficiary is on the street with a big wad of prescriptions in his hand and a big grin on his face!

Bene: Wow!! Look at all these prescriptions I've gathered in this week! And it's only Wed! haha!!

Bene looks at his watch.

Bene: Oh! It's almost 2 p.m.! Time for my next appointment! Still got 3 more to squeeze in this afternoon! I've got a lot of moola comin' my way!! Haha!!!

Ray skips merrily off down the street humming or whistling to himself.

Change scenes – back to Superheroes...

Superhero #3: Man, this isn't good. Hmm...I'm going to put my thinking cap on to see how we can handle this... *(Paula puts on a fun/silly thinking hat! :))*

Superhero #1: Oh look! I see another scam!! Come over here!

All superheroes run over to him/her and look down...

Change scenes...Doctor lounging on chair in Hawaii – shading her/his eyes, sipping on pretend drink and talking on phone...

Doctor: Yeah, isn't this great? I'm here lounging on the beach in Hawaii, sipping a Mai tai and it's all paid for by Medicare! Haha! Yeah, I've been prescribing lots of painkillers to all of my patients whether they need 'em or not and then the drug companies are giving me some "bribe" or "kickback" money since they're getting so much Medicare money from my prescriptions. I get 3 extra vacations a year to Hawaii with this money!
(note to actor/actress...these lines don't need to be said or memorized word for word...just convey the essence of this scheme :))

Back to Superheroes....

Superhero #1: That's horrible! So much kickback and bribery money going to providers who receive unlawful payments for writing prescriptions.

Superhero #2: Yes, it is. This one is bad too...where some pharmacies dispense expired drugs, or skimp on the number of pills in the bottle to save money. Ah.. poor Ben! Geez, come over here and look!

Superheroes run over to look...

Change scenes...

Beneficiary Ben/Betty sitting and picking up his/her pill bottle and shaking it.

Ben/Betty: There can't be 200 pills in here?! I just refilled it?!

He/She opens bottle and pours out 6!!

What?! 6 pills!!

Back to Superheroes....

Superhero #1: Okay team! Enough is enough. We aren't called Senior Medicare Patrol Superheroes for nothin'! Let's do our magic, have some fun, intercept these schemes and scammers and educate our beneficiaries to make sure they know to call us, their Senior Medicare Patrol Superheroes if they encounter any such scams or other suspicious Medicare fraud activity! Together we can put an end to this nonsense!

What's our number beneficiaries can use to call us again?! (says with a big smile)

(The other 2 superheroes run up in front of the camera to do the "telephone number jingle" and dance)

Superheroes #2 and 3: Our Senior Medicare Patrol Superhero helpline is...1-855-613-7080 (or *substitute your own local # here*)! Call us today!

Superhero #1: We're on a mission! Stopping fraud and spreading smiles!! 😊

All superheroes smile and run/fly off to put an end to Part D and other fraud and to spread smiles! :)