

Stay Informed, Stay Protected.

Understanding your rights and responsibilities is the first step toward guarding against Medicare fraud, errors and abuse. The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) in collaboration with Medicare and the Indiana Area Agencies on Aging and other partners provides you with crucial information so you can:

- **Recognize common Medicare scams**
- **Safeguard your personal information**
- **Spot and dispute billing inaccuracies**
- **Learn to read your Medicare statements**
- **Avoid unnecessary charges**

SMP works with families and caregivers to ensure that you're supported. With SMP, you're never alone in keeping your Medicare benefits safe.



The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is a national program for people with Medicare of all ages. SMP is administered by the Administration for Community Living. To learn more or to volunteer, visit iaaaa.org/combat-medicare-fraud.



Empowerment through

Education

**Protect Yourself and Loved
Ones from Medicare Fraud**

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Words from Our Beneficiaries

“ Thank you so much for your help in reporting this Medicare fraud. Your knowledge, skill and patience are greatly appreciated during a stressful time. ”

- Sara

“ I reached out and SMP said they would try to help me. And weekly, they would call. Having that support helped me know I wasn't alone. ”

- Phyllis

Protect

Your defense against healthcare fraud is protecting your personal information.

Ways to protect yourself and your benefits:

- Don't give out your Medicare number to unknown providers.
- Remember, Medicare will never ask for your Medicare number.
- Carry your Medicare card only when necessary.
- Maintain a record of your medical appointments and save all Medicare statements or sign up for Medicare.gov to keep track of your services and claims.

Detect

Be vigilant and recognize the signs of potential fraud, errors and abuse.

Quick detection tips:

- Regularly review your Medicare statements and cross-check with your medical records.
- Watch out for charges for items never received, double-billed items or services not ordered by your physician.

Report

Your reports can make a difference. If something seems off, report it immediately.

How to take action:

- Don't disclose personal information during unsolicited calls. Report these to your local SMP.
- Contact your healthcare provider or plan with any Medicare statement questions.
- If unsatisfied or unsure, the local SMP offers confidential assistance and support.

Contact Us

Indiana Senior Medicare Patrol

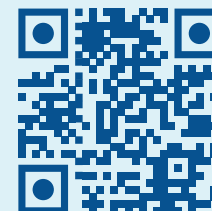
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Act Now!

Suspect Medicare fraud? Need guidance? Your local SMP is here to help. By staying informed and vigilant, you play a critical role in safeguarding your healthcare rights. **Don't hesitate; contact your local SMP today to report fraud or seek confidential assistance. Together, we can make a difference.**



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