

Senior Medicare Patrol



HELPING YOU RECOGNIZE, REPORT AND PREVENT HEALTHCARE FRAUD AND FINANCIAL ABUSE

It's estimated that the Medicare program and Medicare beneficiaries lose \$60 to \$90 BILLION each year to healthcare fraud and scams. But the

United Way Area Agency on Aging's Senior Medicare Patrol program is teaching consumers how to avoid becoming victims by protecting their identity, recognizing and reporting errors on healthcare bills and spotting deceptive business practices, such as charging for unnecessary services.

If you suspect you may be a victim of fraud, call the Senior Medicare Patrol at

1-800-AGE-LINE



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LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO STOP MEDICARE FRAUD IN ITS TRACKS!

- **ALWAYS** protect your personal information.
- **KEEP** your Medicare number safe.
- **NEVER** give your Medicare number to solicitors.
- **MAKE** a record of your healthcare visits (dates, doctors and procedures).
- **ASK** your healthcare provider to explain the purpose of procedures and any equipment you're told you need to purchase.
- **SAVE** your Medicare statements and compare them with your records.
- **CONFIRM** that charges are for services your doctor ordered and you actually received.
- **DOUBLE** check for double billing.
- **QUESTION** unclear bills and evasive explanations.
- **REPORT** suspicious billing and callers to your **SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL** at **1-800-AGE-LINE**.



To learn more, visit
www.uwaaa.org/smp or call

1-800-AGE-LINE



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