



# Medicare Fraud and How to Prevent it from Happening

Senior Medical Patrol

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- WHO ARE WE – A volunteer task force that promotes fraud awareness.
- WHAT DO WE DO – We provide information to seniors and caregivers to understand and report Medicare Fraud

## SENIOR MEDICAL PATROL

Who is going to ask for your Social Security Number?

Employer, IRS for tax returns, banks, lenders, US treasury for savings bonds and if you are applying for welfare & unemployment.

**NO ONE ELSE SHOULD ASK FOR IT**

## SENIOR MEDICAL PATROL

- **In 2010, 8.6 million households were affected by identity theft.**
- **\$13.3 BILLION was lost due to Medicare Fraud**

## Who are MMAP Counselors?

- **We are a group of trained & certified volunteers who can help you identify fraud**
- **We can help you report fraud, identity theft and deal with Medicare or Medicaid scams.**

# FRAUD

- **Fraud is the making of false statements of material facts to obtain some benefit or payment that would not normally exist**
  - **Billing for services not received**
  - **Altering forms**
  - **Offering or paying bribes or kickbacks - \$\$\$ for SS#**

# ***ABUSE***

- **Practices that directly or indirectly result in unnecessary costs to Medicare**
  - **Providing unnecessary services**
  - **Providing services that do not meet recognized standards of care**

# ABUSE

- **Errors or mistakes that are unintentional acts**



# SCAMS

- Free medical equipment
- New Medicare Card
- People taking a picture of your Medicare card when standing in line
- Great discount from DISH network GreenDot MoneyPak Card
- D2D sales people trying to sell you gutters, brick work, sidewalk etc
- Phone call saying you are winner of a GreenDot MoneyPak

# SCAMS

- **Phone call that you owe money and need to pay it NOW – Green Dot MoneyPak**
- **Grandchild in trouble**
- **ANYTHING you have won on the Internet**
- **Financial Planners that are not financial planners**

# SENIOR MEDICAL PATROL

- Your Social Security Number IS your Medicare Number
- **PROTECT IT.**

## **SENIOR MEDICAL PATROL**

- **Review your ALL of your statements**
- **Look for services that you did not order**
- **If you find an error, follow the money. Start there.**

## SENIOR MEDICAL PATROL

- **Medicare will not call you or make personal visits**
- **They will not call to verify your number**
- **Will not call you stating they are sending you a new card**
- **Keep a journal of your doctor visits**



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