



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL (SMP)

The **Senior Medicare Patrol Program** (SMP) created to help combat Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse. In Connecticut, SMP is operated by the CT Department of Rehabilitative Services (DORS) through the State Unit on Aging in cooperation with the five Area Agencies on Aging and the many volunteers who promote the mission of SMP in their local communities. SMP provides enhanced training on the issues of Medicare fraud and abuse to its network of volunteer and staff counselors. SMP counselors can provide education, assistance and advocacy to residents in order to detect, report and prevent Medicare fraud, waste and abuse.

Through Senior Medicare Patrol volunteers provide the following services:

- One-on-one counseling and assistance to people on Medicare. Counselors are available to help beneficiaries read their Medicare summary notices, review their cases and understand billing and other paperwork. In suspicious cases, SMP can help beneficiaries to report fraud to the proper authorities.
- Presentations are available to beneficiaries, caregivers and other concerned citizens on various types of fraud and abuse that occur and the steps that seniors can take to protect themselves. To schedule a free speaker or if you are interested in becoming a SMP volunteer call 800-994-9422 and ask to speak with someone from the Senior Medicare Patrol.



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For additional information on SMP:

- CHOICES/SMP at (800) 994-9422 or (203) 333-9288.