## Beware of healthcare fraud

**PROTECT** yourself from Medicare errors, fraud and abuse.

**DETECT:** Learn to detect potential errors, fraud and abuse.

**REPORT:** If you suspect that you have been a target of errors, fraud or abuse, report it!

Protect your personal information.



## Empowering seniors to prevent healthcare fraud

If you would like more information about how to help prevent healthcare fraud, to schedule and educational event, or to volunteer, contact ND SMP.

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The Senior Medicare Patrol programs, known as SMP, are located throughout the U.S. Their purpose is to help Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries avoid, detect, and prevent health care fraud. In doing so, they not only protect older persons, they also help preserve the integrity of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Because this work often requires face-to-face contact to be most effective, SMPs nationwide recruit and educate nearly 5,000 volunteers every year to help in this effort. Most SMP volunteers are both retired and Medicare beneficiaries and thus well-positioned to assist their peers.

North Dakota's SMP program is located within the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD) at Minot State University in Minot, ND. Our SMP Program has been in existence since 2006, consisting of a Project Director, Project Coordinator, Project Secretary and Regional Volunteer Coordinators.

## How does healthcare fraud happen?

Don't be fooled by these common healthcare/
Medicare fraud schemes:

A scammer offers you free services or medical supplies that you must verify by providing your Medicare number.

Someone calls asking for your Medicare number saying new Medicare cards are being issued.

Someone calls to verify your eligibility for Medicare and asks for your Medicare number.

A doctor's office bills Medicare for a service or product you did not receive.



If you suspect fraudulent Medicare billing, protect your Medicare number by reporting it to ND Senior Medicare Patrol. SMPs are funded by the Administration for Community Living to educate consumers on healthcare fraud and reduce the billions of dollars wasted on billing errors and fraudulent activities.

