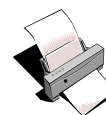


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## AOA UPDATE

### [A Fond Farewell](#)

As Barbara Dieker ends 10 years at the AoA, she is proud to have worked with others to help the SMP program become a leader in Medicare fraud prevention education. She has a special spot in her heart for the SMP program. Tufts University will help quantify SMP fraud and abuse prevention. In an effort to expand the reach of the SMP program nationally, ACL has awarded five grants to support the development of outreach and education strategies aimed at integrating traditionally hard-to-reach populations.

## NEWSROOM

### [When it Comes to Engaging Volunteers, SMPs Don't Go it Alone](#)

New data reveals that 72 percent of SMP programs have some volunteers that serve under partners. SMP volunteers in 44 states also volunteer for SHIPs. Partnerships have implications for VRPM implementation.

### [Temporary Enrollment Moratorium to Combat Fraud Will Expire Soon](#)

A six-month temporary moratorium to limit enrollment of new home health agencies and ambulance suppliers in some high fraud areas will expire at the end of January unless CMS extends it.

### [\\$23 Million in Medicare Payments Made on Behalf of Deceased Beneficiaries](#)

Despite safeguards, the OIG reported that CMS inappropriately paid \$23 million in 2011 to providers, suppliers, Medicare Advantage organizations, and prescription drug plan sponsors on behalf of beneficiaries who died in 2009, 2010, or 2011. The article lists recommendations and describes how claims recovery works.

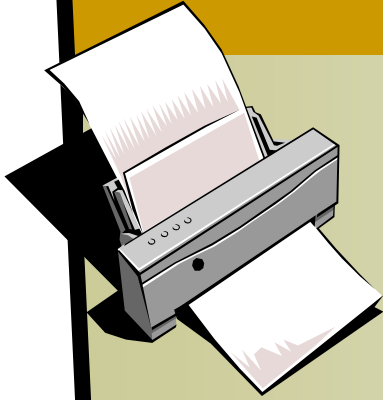
### [Resource Library Corner: Don't Reinvent the Wheel](#)

The new SMP Resource Library is packed with a variety of resources for you to use today. Don't reinvent the wheel: Find it here first.

### [2013 SMP National Training Meeting](#)

Check out pictures and quotes from the national meeting in August 2013. PowerPoints and handouts can be found by [clicking here](#).

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