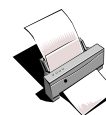


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AOA UPDATE

New AoA Staff Members Join SMP Team

Conference presentations give more visibility to the SMP program. Rebecca Kinney and Josh Hodges have joined the AoA SMP team. Their work includes program management, volunteer initiatives, program evaluation and contracts.

NEWSROOM

Senior Medicare Patrol has Presence at National Anti-fraud Conference

The Center exhibits at the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (NHCAA) conference.

Getting Started: Working with Volunteer Host Organizations to Implement Risk and Volunteer Management Policies

Consultants Linda Graff and Steve McCurley explain how SMPs can ensure that the new VRPM policies, set to begin taking effect in January, are implemented equally well among their volunteer host organizations.

Research: For Mortality Benefits, Motives Matter

New research shows that those who volunteer to help others receive the greatest benefits, living longer than those who volunteer for other reasons.

Elder Financial Abuse Estimated at \$2.9 Billion a Year

Mickey Rooney and Brooke Astor are some of the 20 percent of older Americans who have been victimized by financial abuse. Losses — both personal and financial — are far-reaching. But there are distinct warning signs, and many resources are available to help.

Unwanted Treatment at the End of Life

Unwanted treatment undermines patient autonomy and causes needless pain and suffering. It is not reimbursable by Medicare and Medicaid as it is not “medically necessary,” a required condition of both programs.

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Budget Endgame Unknown, but Anti-fraud Funding Expected to Survive

Both Congressional appropriations bills are expected to include the appropriate amount of discretionary funding for the HCFAC program, including an expansion of Strike Force cities to target Medicare fraud in high-risk areas and help achieve the president's goal of cutting the Medicare fee-for-service error rate in half by 2012.

SMP at FBI Citizen's Academy

Texas SMP Director Barbara McGinity attends FBI Citizen's Academy. The classes provided a select group of citizens (about 30) the opportunity to get an intimate view of the work and scope of the FBI.

SMP SUCCESS STORIES

Sixth Fraud Summit Highlights New Approaches

At Philadelphia's Health Care Fraud Prevention Summit, CMS and law enforcement discussed new ways to fight fraud. The Pennsylvania SMP, including a long-time volunteer, also presented.

Partnerships, Praise at HHS Roundtable

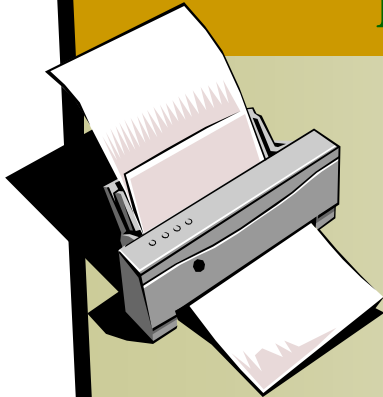
HHS Secretary Sebelius joined the Ohio SMP and others in June to focus attention on new preventative health benefits in the Affordable Care Act.

Fraud Summit Brings Together State, National Programs

More than 125 attendees gathered in Glenville, NY, to hear from SMP, CMS, OIG and others about how to identify and reduce crimes.

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