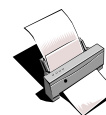


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## AOA UPDATE

### [Conference a Sizzling Success](#)

National conference-goers learn how to turn up the heat on health care fraud. Plus, with performance becoming increasingly important, the AoA and The Center will work with SMPs to identify areas to target.

## NEWSROOM

### [National Conference Pictures](#)

Say “Cheese!” Check out a mix of serious and silly in a photographic tour of the 2011 SMP National Conference.

### [NHSMP Program Takes on Rampant Levels of Medicare Fraud in South Florida](#)

After a needs assessment by the National Hispanic SMP reveals that South Florida is a hotbed of Medicare fraud, waste and abuse, the NHSMP expands to the area. Much work is being done. Newly trained community leaders and volunteer educators educate people and solicit volunteers. The NHSMP also launches an aggressive media campaign.

### [‘Credit Card’ Technology Helps CMS Detect Medicare Fraud](#)

To move Medicare away from the “pay and chase” model, in July CMS began using predictive modeling software. Here’s how it works and what work remains.

### [Elderly are a Favorite Target for Traveling Con Artists](#)

Stories about traveling con artists have a familiar ring but different tactics to steal money and personal items. This column from Texas shows what they do to scam unsuspecting adults.

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### State Privacy Laws Provide Context for Volunteer IT Security Policy

Five provisions that address volunteers' access to and use of beneficiary information are scheduled for implementation in 2012. SMP program managers and coordinators of volunteers should consider certain laws as they try to place the provisions in context.

### Education Medicaid Integrity Contractor Collaborates with Senior Medicare Patrol

The Education MIC develops education and training materials and programs to highlight the value of education in preventing fraud, waste and abuse in Medicaid. Their efforts were highlighted in a statewide Michigan SMP training last year and national collaborative efforts are being explored by AoA and the SMP Resource Center.

### Medicaid Personal Care Services Are Ripe for Fraud

This article takes the pulse on Medicaid fraud, identifying the single most common target of fraud, how to report it, the role of CMS in improving collaboration between PIs and MFCUs and the impact of health care reform.

## **SMP SUCCESS STORIES**

### Senator Collaborates with Delaware SMP Outreach Campaign

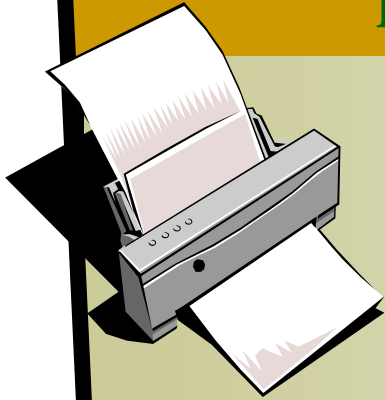
U.S. Senator Tom Carper spreads the word about Delaware SMP at outreach events. A senior who was victimized by Medicare fraud tells her story at outreach events and before Congress.

### SMP Volunteer is Honored for Service

Florida SMP volunteer Joe Schwartz receives an award for his excellence and commitment to serving seniors. He has garnered support in the community to root out Medicare fraud. Plus, the Florida SMP debuts a Facebook page and a blog.

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