

# Maryland Senior Medicare Patrol

## Empowering Seniors to Prevent Health care Fraud



### Protect

Prevent becoming a victim of health care fraud.



### Detect

Learn to detect health care fraud, errors, and abuse.



### Report

Stop fraud and abuse by reporting it.

## What is Health care Fraud, Error, and Abuse?

**Fraud** is false information given to receive payments for services not provided.

**Error** is a mistake that may be corrected after a call to your medical provider or supplier.

**Abuse** is a health care provider or supplier recommendation for services or equipment not medically necessary.

## How SMP Helps.

SMP **empowers and assists** Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse. Trained staff in each county and Baltimore City can help answer your questions and teach how to spot and report abuse in the Medicare program.

SMP reaches **millions** of consumers each year and helps recover **billions** of federal dollars lost to health care fraud, error, and abuse.