

Did you know?

Medicare fraud costs us \$65 BILLION each year? Fortunately, there is a lot you can do to help fight Medicare fraud. By acting as a **Community Fraud Fighter**, you can help educate your community about Medicare fraud and how to report fraud.



10 Ways to Fight Medicare Fraud

Become a Fraud Fighter speaker

Educating Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers about Medicare Fraud is an essential step in fighting fraud. AARP is training volunteers to give presentations to groups of Medicare beneficiaries on how to read and understand their Medicare Summary Notice, how to recognize fraud, and how to report it. By becoming a Fraud Fighter, you are on the front line in educating your community and fighting fraud.

Copy and distribute materials in your community

By copying and distributing the handouts in this toolkit, you can help educate others about the basics of Medicare Fraud and how to report it. Pass out these handouts at your local senior center or other places where groups of Medicare beneficiaries meet.

Help schedule presentations in your community

AARP speakers are happy to come to your senior center, house of worship, organization's meeting, or special event to deliver a short, informative presentation on Medicare Fraud. Speak to your group's scheduler about having an AARP Fraud Fighter come speak. Call 1-866-227-7442 to schedule. These 10-15 minute presentations are informative, flexible, and free. They can fit into any program during daytime, evening, or weekend hours.

Order brochures and fact sheets for your group

Would you like to have materials sent to you to distribute to your patients, members of your group, or at an event booth? AARP has full-color, informative brochures and fact sheets to help you spread the word in whatever way you need.

Host a training

AARP Fraud Fighters go through a 3-hour training to learn the basics of Medicare Fraud and presentation skills. If your organization can host us, AARP will come out and provide the training. Please call 1-866-227-7442 for more details.

Share this toolkit with your neighbor

Get the word out to others like you who want to get involved! Anyone can help fight Medicare Fraud and make a difference.

Post and Promote your Medicare Fraud Event on-line for free

Promote your Fraud Fighters booth or training by posting it on www.CreateTheGood.org, AARP's website dedicated to volunteerism. You can post and promote your event and get others involved in fighting Medicare Fraud for free.

Show your neighbors how to read their MSNs and EOBs

Are your neighbors confused by the notices they receive from Medicare or their insurance company? Help them avoid Medicare Fraud by sharing the handouts in this toolkit. Teach them how to read their Medicare Summary Notices and Explanation of Benefits notices.

Share with a caregiver

Caregivers help others who cannot take care of themselves and many of those receiving care are on Medicare. Caregivers are often overwhelmed by the day-to-day responsibilities, which often includes taking care of medical bills. Share this information with caregivers so that they can better understand the often confusing Medicare Summary Notices and Explanation of Benefits notices and report fraud on their loved ones' behalf.

Report an incident of fraud

Check your Medicare Summary notices and Explanation of Benefits notices and be sure to report any fraud. If you have a question about an item, contact your Provider. If you are the victim of fraud, report it accordingly:

FOR MEDICARE FRAUD:

1-800-633-4227 (1-800-MEDICARE)
TTY: 1-877-486-2048 | Online: www.medicare.gov

FOR PRIVATE INSURANCE FRAUD:

New York State Department of Insurance:
1-888-FRAUD NY (1-888-372-8369) | Online: www.ins.state.ny.us/nyins.htm

New York State Attorney General
1-800-428-9071 | Online: <http://www.ag.ny.gov/>

FOR MEDICAID FRAUD:

Office of the Medicaid Inspector General
1-877-87-FRAUD (1-877-873-7283) | Online: <http://omig.ny.gov/data/>

UNSURE IF YOU HAVE A CASE OF FRAUD?

HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program)
1-800-701-0501 | Online: www.hiicap.state.ny.us

