

The Senior Medicare Patrol is.....

LOOKING OUT FOR YOU

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Medical Professionals: Out the Bad Ones!

If you have any doubt whether Medicare fraud is real, read on . . .

- In 2015 a Detroit Oncologist, with doubtful credentials, was caught after making false diagnoses and provided unnecessary treatments to more than 500 patients. With his own in-house pharmacy, he dispensed drugs that caused severe side effects and even death. The estimated cost billed to Medicare and other insurers exceeded \$34 million.
- In the same year a Michigan pharmacy had six pharmacists convicted for re-dispensing and re-selling unused prescription drugs from nursing and foster home patients. They billed Medicare and other insurers \$79 million.

Those were only two cases of numerous crimes that led to ID theft, overdose, permanent harm, and death. The perpetrators were licensed doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physical and occupational therapists, and long term care providers. They may be in the minority, but their numbers and crimes are increasing. As the aging population grows, there are more potential victims to prey on, threatening our Medicare Trust Fund. YOU are part of a fraud-fighting force of over 40 million people with Medicare. Find out what you can do to stop fraud.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **FIGHT FRAUD.** Thwart crooked providers. Report suspected Medicare fraud and scams immediately. Use the online encrypted reporting form on the SMP Hawaii website at [https://www.paubox.com/smphawaii/forms/Fraud Reporting and Request for Counseling Form/24](https://www.paubox.com/smphawaii/forms/Fraud%20Reporting%20and%20Request%20for%20Counseling%20Form/24).
- **CALL** your local police, the State Attorney General at 808-586-1500, or the Medicare Fraud Line at 800-581-1790.
- **CONTACT** the HAWAII SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL at 808-586-7281 or 800-296-9422 for information and to request a speaker. Help SMP stop fraud. Remember our motto: **PROTECT, DETECT, REPORT!**



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