

North Central Area Agency on Aging to Hold Volunteer Training in Newington, CT

The North Central Area Agency on Aging Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program will hold a volunteer training from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday April 18, 2013 at the Lucy Robbins Library, Newington, CT.

The session is for individuals interested in learning how to protect themselves from health care fraud and identity theft and would like to volunteer their time educating seniors on ways to prevent Medicare fraud.

SMP volunteers are concerned citizens, often retired professionals, who empower seniors to prevent health care fraud through outreach and education. The SMP Volunteer Training is an in-depth workshop that provides participants with a foundation of knowledge in three main areas: the SMP program, Medicare basics, and Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse.

Once trained, volunteers may conduct presentations to small groups and/or distribute informational materials at community events to educate Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers and other seniors on ways to prevent, detect and report Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse.

Health care fraud is a big problem in the United States. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has designated Medicare and Medicaid as high-risk programs because they are particularly vulnerable to fraud, waste and abuse. GAO, an independent agency that investigates how the federal government spends taxpayer money, estimated these two programs made more than \$64 billion in improper payments in fiscal year 2011.

Since 1997, Connecticut's SMP volunteers have worked in communities throughout the state to educate Medicare beneficiaries, family members, and caregivers about the importance of protecting their personal information, reviewing their Medicare Summary Notices to identify billing errors and potential fraudulent activities and reporting suspected fraud, waste, and abuse. Additional information about the SMP Program is available at www.simpresource.org

Advance registration is required

For more information, please contact:

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Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Foundations Training



STOP HEALTH CARE FRAUD

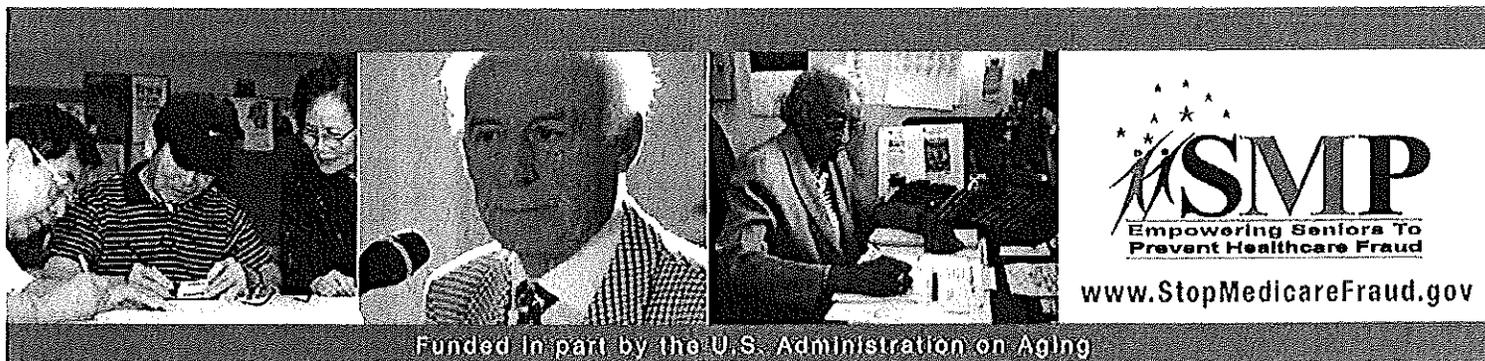
Date: April 18, 2013

Time: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Lucy Robbins Welles Library, 95 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111

To register contact: Carol Walsh, SMP Volunteer Coordinator,
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North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) is sponsoring the SMP training. The training enables seniors to fight against fraud. Volunteers receive knowledge about the SMP program, Medicare, and Medicare fraud and abuse. If you want to volunteer but can not attend contact Carol to learn more.



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Join the Senior Medicare Patrol. Help stop Medicare fraud in its tracks.