



Volunteer NEWS

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Be a Volunteer

Senior Medicare Patrol volunteers help fight fraud. ND SMP currently has 40 active volunteers, logging more than 525 hours since September 30, 2010.

These volunteers represent a few of the 68,000 volunteers trained nation-wide since 1997. They spend their time educating other seniors about Medicare fraud. In training, volunteers



learn that criminals take advantage of the confusion over the federal health care law to target seniors. Volunteers develop a sense of pride knowing that they can help other seniors fight Medicare fraud.

North Dakota Scams

This past July, a Medicare beneficiary living in the Kenmare area received a phone call from what sounded like “Medicare” pushing a free diabetic meter through the National Guard. When the man said, “National Guard?” the caller said that the Guard does a lot of good things in this country. The man did give out his Medicare and supplemental insurance numbers, but

stopped before giving out his doctor’s name and phone number. He told the caller that he did not need a glucose meter, but he was still concerned that he gave the caller his insurance numbers.



Top 10 Ways You Can Help Fight Medicare Fraud

- ◆ Record dates of when you have doctor's appointments
- ◆ Review Medicare claims, comparing services
- ◆ Review processed claims on www.Mymedicare.gov
- ◆ Request the assistance of your local SMP program
- ◆ Recognize potential sources of fraud
- ◆ Do not use another person's Medicare card
- ◆ Protect your Medicare number
- ◆ Report suspected fraud by calling 1-800-MEDICARE
- ◆ **Consider becoming a volunteer for ND SMP**
- ◆ To learn more about Medicare fraud and ways to protect against it, visit www.stopmedicarefraud.gov



Volunteer Spotlight: Joseph Edington and Wayne Kroetsch



Joseph Edington received an award for performing more than 48 volunteer hours during the second quarter in 2011. Joseph became a SMP volunteer in February. When Joseph (pictured with his son, Logan, a future SMP volunteer) isn't busy working at the 91st Maintenance Operations Squadron on Minot Air Force Base, he is busy volunteering his time around the local community. He stated, "that while this has been one of the most challenging volunteer opportunities, it has also been one of the most rewarding."

Joseph enjoys working with Medicare beneficiaries and helping to spread the word about Medicare fraud throughout North Dakota. Thank you Joseph and Logan, for your dedication to the SMP program.



Wayne Kroetsch continues to support the SMP volunteer program. He is an extremely volunteer-oriented individual. Wayne received the award for most events attended by a volunteer in the second quarter. We appreciate Wayne's continued efforts to support ND SMP. Thank you Wayne.

