

Ohio Senior Medicare Patrol Project

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Area(s) Served:

Butler County,
Warren County,
Clermont County,
Statewide,
Clinton County,
Hamilton County

Contracted Provider: Not Applicable

Description:

Ohio SMP Is Seeking Volunteers

Did you know that one out of every seven Medicare dollars goes to fraud, waste and abuse? That Medicare fraud, waste and abuse cost you \$13 billion?

To help address this national problem, Pro Seniors receives funding from the Administration on Aging for a Senior Medicare Patrol Project. Named Ohio SMP this project helps older Americans be wiser health care consumers. Seniors are taught to better understand their Medicare statements so they can detect potential fraud and errors and then take the appropriate steps to correct them.

At the heart of Ohio SMP are volunteers who are often retirees. They educate groups of older Americans about illegitimate Medicare practices or provide individual assistance to those questioning the accuracy of their statements. Presentations may be offered in the volunteer's own community at churches, retired professional organizations, social groups and other locations where seniors gather. Project staff is also available to assist in coordinating presentations. In addition to the Administration on Aging, Ohio SMP has received strong support from the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio.

Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Jane Winkler at (513) 458-5523.