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Senior Medicare Patrol
Preventing Medicare Fraud

Fraud Fighters In Action

Ohio SMP Volunteers!

Be on the LOOKOUT monthly for FRAUD FIGHTERS IN ACTION (formerly Fraud Alert) including SMP fraud fighting success stories and current Medicare fraud challenges..

Successes below with links to articles & an attachment with pertinent information pertaining to Medicare Advantage.

Thank you for ALL YOU DO to stop Medicare Fraudsters in Ohio. :)

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5 Fla. residents sentenced for health care fraud

Florida



(Pixabay)

Two clinic owners and three employees of a physical therapy clinic in Doral, Fla., were sentenced to prison and ordered to pay restitution for their roles in health care fraud scheme. Authorities said the defendants paid off Blue Cross Blue Shield beneficiaries and then billed the insurance company for over \$8 million in services from the clinic that were medically unnecessary or were never rendered, among other offenses.

Full Story: Department of Justice, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/south-florida-health-care-clinic-owners-employees-sentenced-roles-multiple-fraud>

(6/29)

Beneficiary shares scam story, SMP educates on program

Arkansas

When a man received an offer for cardiovascular genetic testing, he called his doctor, who approved it. The man received a kit in the mail, took the test, and sent it back. He later saw 21 charges totaling almost \$5,000 on his Explanation of Benefits, and Medicare rejected the claims. He learned that this was a scam from seeing the SMP on TV. Starting at 3:11, listen to his story and hear from Kathleen Pursell, of the SMP, about the SMP and four tips to recognize scams at link:

<https://www.thv11.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/the-vine/the-vine-celebrating-seniors-dhs/91-cafa9170-07f8-4ab2-87f7-4fb147d1cf0f>

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"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." - James Doolittle