



SMP SPOTLIGHT

MISSISSIPPI SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL



MS SMP CELEBRATES 5TH ANNUAL MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK

The Mississippi Senior Medicare Patrol (MS SMP) proudly celebrated the **5th Annual Medicare Fraud Prevention Week (MFPW)** during the week of **June 1–6**, raising awareness about the importance of preventing Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse throughout the state.

A highlight of this year's celebration was the honor of receiving an official proclamation from Governor Tate Reeves, declaring June 1–6 as Medicare Fraud Prevention Week across the State of Mississippi. This recognition underscores the importance of educating beneficiaries and empowering them to protect their Medicare benefits.

As part of the week's outreach efforts, the MS Gulf Coast Senior Medicare Patrol team visited **Woolmarket Prime of Life** and the **Ocean Springs Senior Center**, where staff had the opportunity to speak with attendees about recognizing and preventing Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse. The presentations provided valuable information on how to Prevent, Detect and Report Medicare fraud, waste and abuse.

To commemorate the week, attendees received special giveaway items. The Senior Medicare Patrol also sponsored the weekly bingo games at both senior centers, adding an extra element of fun and fellowship to the educational events. To further encourage seniors to protect their personal information, the Senior Medicare Patrol raffled a document shredder to one lucky participant.

The Mississippi Senior Medicare Patrol extends its sincere appreciation to Woolmarket Prime of Life and the Ocean Springs Senior Center for partnering in this important effort. Through community collaboration and continued education, MS SMP remains committed to helping Mississippi's Medicare beneficiaries detect, prevent, and report fraud, ensuring that Medicare resources remain available for those who need them most.

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Medicare Fraud Prevention week was one for the books in Central MS! We are so grateful to the participating senior centers who invited Danae Coleman, Community Outreach Specialist, to spread fun and cheer during this annual celebratory occasion.

Pearl Senior Services and **Brandon Senior Center** allowed us to reach many Medicare Beneficiaries in Rankin County! This is no regular event. We have decorations, games, giveaways and so much fun. Our theme this year was **SLAM the SCAM!** We took all our fraud talk topics and created scenarios. The participants were broken into teams who chose from the list of topics which fraud category the scenario matched. The winning team got bragging rights and everyone walked away with a special giveaway! Will your county be next for MFPW 2027?



MS Senior Medicare Patrol would like to take a moment to recognize the great success of Medicare Fraud Prevention Week. During the week of June 1-6, 2026, our COS Brandi Lacey was able to visit **Transformative Adult Day Services** in Holly Springs, MS, **New Albany's Zesty Zenior Senior Center**, and **Tyler Holmes Memorial Hospital's Senior Solutions Agency** in Winona, MS. Valuable information, encouraging conversations, and promoting ways to recognize and report fraud were discussed and shared. We hosted Medicare Bingo which was a wonderful recap of information previously shared, and participants were still able to win wonderful prizes and receive great giveaways that included self-empowering messages.

MS SMP is so grateful for organizations like these that help strengthen our communities and support the integrity of our mission which is to educate and empower Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers on how to prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud. As we move forward, let's continue to stay informed, remain vigilant, and encourage others to do the same. Together, we can help protect Medicare resources and ensure they remain available for those who need them most!



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WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS WITH SMP

August 26th 10:30CT/11:30ET - Home Health & Hospice Fraud

September 30th 10:30CT/11:30ET - Fraud-Free Enrollment

Wednesday, October 28th 10:30CT/11:30ET - AI Scams

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