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Georgia Senior Medicare Patrol



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GA SMP SHOWCASES THE SALTY DOG ACADEMY AT THE 2026 OHIC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Each year, team members from Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), and Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) programs across the country gather for the Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling (OHIC) National Conference. This year the conference was held in Washington D.C. during the first week of August where our team members Sharmori Lewis, José Pinto, and Mark Becker were sent to represent Georgia's Senior Medicare Patrol alongside our Program Director Monique Thomas, Assistant Program Director Sunny Lawless, and Complex Interactions Specialist, Johnetta Red.

The Georgia SMP team were even honored to be selected to give a presentation at one of the conference's breakout sessions to showcase the success of the Salty Dog Academy Program which our very own Jose Pinto was instrumental in putting together. This presentation allowed us the chance to speak in detail about its impactful collaboration between SMP, Cherokee County SALT/TRIAD, local government entities and community organizations. Jose, Sharmori, and Mark highlighted the program's growing impact on the lives of older adults in and around Cherokee County, Georgia and shared how the Salty Dog Academy "teaches old dogs new tricks" by equipping older adults with the knowledge to prepare for various emergencies, care for pets as you age, stay safe from scammers, and recognize the warning signs of healthcare fraud.

The enthusiastic response to this presentation from our colleagues in attendance reinforced our commitment to providing older adults with practical education and trusted resources. Attendees engaged in meaningful discussions, asked insightful questions, and shared ideas for expanding similar initiatives in their own communities. It is our hope that

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those in attendance will be able to take the information they learned from our team to replicate similar programs in their respective home states.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who attended our session and contributed to the conversation. The interest and support we received inspire us to extend the reach of the Salty Dog Academy to serve even more older adults in Georgia. Together we are making a difference - one conversation, one lesson, and one empowered senior at a time.



THE MEDICARE SCAMMER SLAMMER



Each quarter we feature a case of Medicare fraud local to Georgia, which highlights the type of schemes your reports can ultimately help uncover.

Notorious Fugitive Arrested in Connection with \$547 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/notorious-fugitive-arrested-connection-547-million-medicare-fraud-scheme>



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SAVE THE DATE

Webinar Wednesdays w/ 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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