



**The Missouri SMP**  
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**Volunteers needed for Missouri SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol)**

The Missouri SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) is seeking volunteers in your area to help seniors protect their Medicare benefits.

The statewide SMP is operated by Care Connection for Aging Services' Director of Special Projects, Rona McNally. Its mission is to empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report healthcare fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education.

The federal government estimates that the Medicare Program loses about \$60 billion annually to fraud and abuse.

Key to the SMP program's success is a network of volunteers who staff outreach events and conduct presentations in senior centers and other venues. The SMP needs more volunteers for its team.

The primary focus of a Senior Medicare Patrol team member is to educate Medicare beneficiaries through one-on-one discussions, distributing literature, attending senior fairs, or by making presentations at appropriate locations.

Volunteers undergo a comprehensive training course and receive extensive support.

The next training is scheduled in Warrensburg on Aug. 29 and 30. Call 1-800-748-7826 to fill out an application.

The Missouri SMP is part of a nationwide network funded by the Administration for Community Living to combat Medicare fraud, which is estimated to cost billions of dollars annually.

To report suspected Medicare fraud or abuse, call (888) 515-6565.

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