



Volunteer with the Pennsylvania Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

Join the fight against Medicare fraud and abuse!

*Each year billions of dollars are lost to Medicare and Medicaid fraud. The cost is estimated to be over **\$48 billion annually**; however, the cost in terms of loss of quality of care is immeasurable.*

The Pennsylvania SMP has recruited and trained more than 100 older volunteers and educated thousands throughout the state about health care fraud and consumer rights. Retired Medicare beneficiaries teach other Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries about how to recognize health care fraud, how to protect themselves, and how to report it.

By volunteering with CARIE you can become an integral member of the growing effort to help fight Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse, and the wasting of taxpayer dollars. Our volunteers truly make a difference: in August 2009, a PA-SMP volunteer from CARIE won a prestigious national award from the Administration on Aging, a division of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

The PA-SMP is looking for retired individuals who are interested in spreading the message about health care fraud

POSITION

- ◆ Volunteers conduct health care fraud presentations to older consumers at senior centers, club meetings, housing complexes, and other meetings in the community.
- ◆ Volunteers also assist with identifying facilities for presentations.

REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Volunteer must be a Medicare beneficiary and/or 55 years old or better.
- ◆ Volunteer must attend two training sessions from experts provided by the project.
- ◆ Individuals should be open to sharing information to groups of various sizes.
- ◆ A six-month commitment is requested.

WHAT WILL YOU GET OUT OF IT?

- ◆ You will have the opportunity to educate and empower other seniors in the fight against Medicare and Medicaid fraud.
- ◆ You will be educated regularly on issues pertaining to health care fraud.
- ◆ You will have continued support from project staff and other volunteers.

If you have questions or concerns about health care fraud, are interested in volunteering, or would like to schedule a free speaker, call the PA-SMP at 215-545-5728 or 1-800-356-3606.