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**St. Mary's County Recognizes Medicare Fraud Prevention Week; Senior Medicare Patrol to Host Presentations**

**LEONARDTOWN, MD** – Medicare fraud costs billions of dollars annually and can negatively impact beneficiaries through financial losses, identity theft, and disruptions in care.

**Medicare Fraud Prevention Week will be observed June 1–5, 2026**, highlighting the importance of preventing, detecting, and reporting Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse. On June 2, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County will issue a proclamation recognizing Medicare Fraud Prevention Week and encouraging residents to learn how to protect themselves from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse.

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), a program of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services (DAHS), is committed to providing education and assistance to residents to help protect the integrity of the Medicare program. During Medicare Fraud Prevention Week, SMP will host educational presentations at local senior activity centers to help residents recognize, prevent, and report potential fraud while protecting their Medicare benefits.

**Presentations:**

- June 2 (1 p.m.) at Northern Senior Activity Center
- June 4 (10 a.m.) at Garvey Senior Activity Center
- June 4 (12:30 p.m.) at Loffler Senior Activity Center

These sessions are open to older adults and are especially encouraged for Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers interested in learning how to prevent fraud and safeguard personal information.

For more information about SMP and to register for the presentations, contact DAHS Senior Information & Assistance Manager, Melissa Craig at (301)-475-4200, ext. 1064 or [Melissa.Craig@stmaryscountymd.gov](mailto:Melissa.Craig@stmaryscountymd.gov). For more information about the Senior Medicare Patrol, please visit [www.stmaryscountymd.gov/SMP](http://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/SMP).

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