Senior Medicare Patrol Programs in 53 States and Territories Awarded Funding

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the award of nearly \$7.6 million to help Senior Medicare Patrol programs across the nation continue their work uncovering Medicare fraud and waste. The Senior Medicare Patrol program is overseen by the Administration for Community Living, working collaboratively with the HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the HHS Office of Inspector General. These grants will provide funds for statewide projects to increase awareness among Medicare beneficiaries about how to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud. This increased funding will allow the projects to expand volunteer recruitment efforts, enhance their program management strategies, and increase community education and outreach; all of which will help them reach more Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers.

2012 SMP grantees and their award amounts are:

Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, \$49,978

Alabama, Department of Senior Services, \$149,936

Arkansas, Department of Human Services Division of Aging & Adult Services, \$99,957

Arizona, Department of Economic Security, \$202,414

California, California Health Advocates, \$299,873

Colorado, Department of Regulatory Agencies/DOI, \$99,957

Connecticut, Department of Social Services, \$99,957

District of Columbia, Legal Counsel for the Elderly, \$49,978

Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, \$49,978

Florida, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc., \$299,873

Georgia, Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services, \$202,414

Guam, Government of Guam-Department of Administration, \$19,991

Hawaii, Executive Office on Aging, \$88,712

Idaho, Commission on Aging, \$88,712

Illinois, AgeOptions, \$262,388

Indiana, IAAAA Education Institute, \$149,936

Iowa, Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging, Inc., \$99,957

Kansas, Department of Aging, \$99,957

Kentucky, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, \$149,936

Louisiana, eQHealth Solutions, Inc., \$262,388

Maine, Office of Elder Services, \$88,712

Maryland, Department of Aging, \$202,414

Massachusetts, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc., \$202,411

Michigan, MMAP, Inc., \$262,388

Minnesota, Board on Aging, \$149,936

Mississippi, Department of Human Services, \$99,957

Missouri, District III Area Agency on Aging, \$149,936

Montana, Missoula Aging Services, \$49,978

Nebraska, Department of Health and Human Services, \$88,712

Nevada, Office of the Nevada Attorney General, \$202,414

New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, \$88,712

New Jersey, Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County, \$202,414

New Mexico, Aging & Long-Term Services Department, \$202,414

New York, State Office for the Aging, \$299,873

North Carolina, Department of Insurance, \$202,414

North Dakota, Minot State University, \$49,978

Ohio, Pro Seniors, Inc., \$202,414

Oklahoma, Insurance Department, \$99,957

Oregon, Department of Human Services, Seniors & People with Disabilities, \$99,957

Pennsylvania, Center for Advocacy for the Rights & Interests of the Elderly, \$201,914

Puerto Rico, Office of the Ombudsman for Retirees and the Elderly, \$99,957

Rhode Island, Department of Elderly Affairs, \$88,712

South Carolina, Lt. Governor's Office of Aging, \$149,936

Tennessee, Upper Cumberland Development District, \$143,318

Texas, Better Business Bureau Educational Foundation, \$299,873

Utah, Division of Aging and Adult Services, \$88,712

Vermont, Community of Vermont Elders, \$49,978

Virgin Islands, Department of Human Services, \$19,991

Virginia, Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Inc., \$201,914

Washington, Washington State Insurance Commissioner, \$149,936

West Virginia, AARP Foundation, \$88,712

Wisconsin, Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, \$149,936