

SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL (SMP)

PROTECTING THE TAXPAYERS DOLLARS

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SHIP VS. SMP

- COLORADO SHIP FUNDING: \$550,000
- COLORADO SMP FUNDING: \$180,000



FUNDING SOURCES

- SHIP = CMS
- SMP = AOA



STAFFING

- 2 POSITIONS NTE 80 HOURS PER MONTH

OIG RETURN ON INVESTMENT

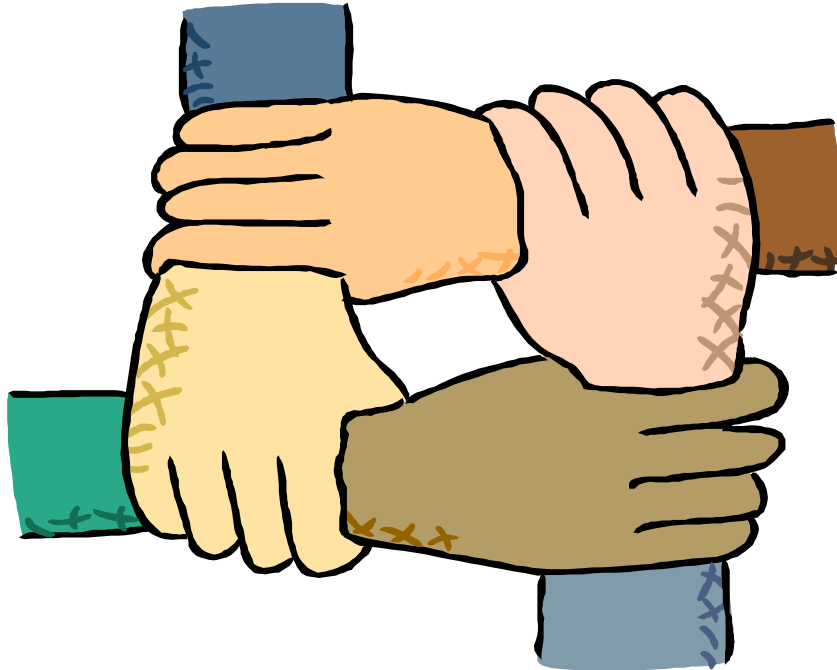
- 7 YEARS AGO: \$20 FOR EVERY \$1 SPENT
- NOW \$7 FOR EVERY \$1 SPENT
- COSTLIER INVESTIGATIONS; MORE TASK FORCES; MORE JOINT AGENCIES





HEAT PROJECT NATIONWIDE

- 9 MAJOR CITIES JOINT TASK FORCES WITH OIG, FBI, IRS, POSTAL INSPECTORS, MFCU'S, DEA



OIG MOST WANTED LIST

OIG ★ **MOST WANTED** **FUGITIVES**

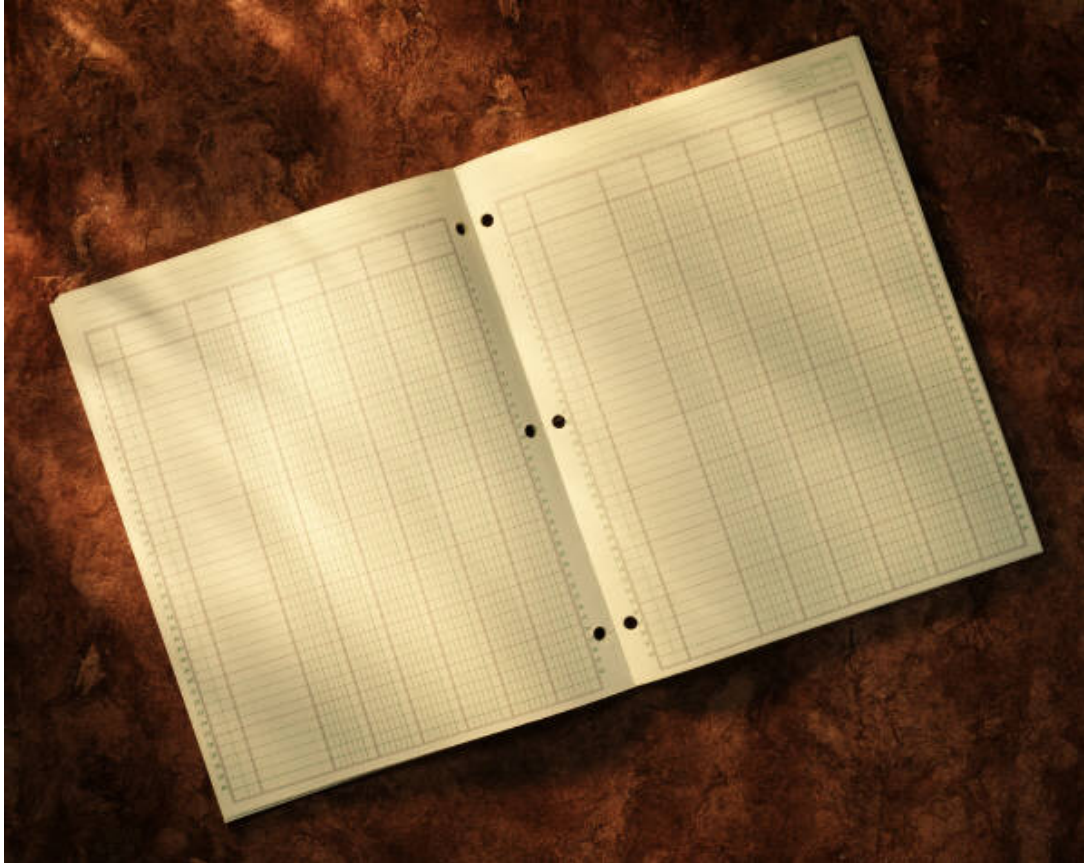


PURPOSE OF SMP

- PROTECT
- DETECT
- REPORT



- MEDICARE SUMMARY NOTICES



MAJOR MEDICARE CASES

- NATIONAL HEALTH LABS
- COLUMBIA HCA
- NATIONAL MEDICAL ENTERPRISES



CASES IN RURAL AMERICA

- RUGBY, NORTH DAKOTA
- KALISPELL, MONTANA
- PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA



NO CITY NO MATTER HOW SMALL IS IMMUNE FROM FRAUD

- IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME!!!!



POSITIVES

- DIRECT CONTACT WITH BENIES
- GIVE THEM A FEELING OF HOPE AND INTERACTION
- KNOW AGENTS OF OIG, FBI, MFCU
- PRIVILEGES HAS ITS REWARDS



FRUSTRATIONS



SMP PROCESS

- SIMPLE INQUIRY
- COMPLEX INQUIRY
- RESEARCH MEDICARE POLICY
- ENTRY INTO SMARTFACTS
- REFERRAL TO FBI, OIG, MFCU, ATT. GEN

SPECIFIC COLORADO CASES

- IT'S ME AGAIN - DME PROSTHETIC BRA
- DAVID MARCO - SURGICAL ASSISTANT
- DRS. SAM JAHANI AND ERIC PEPPER
- ODYSSEY HOSPICE



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DOW JONES

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NASDAQ

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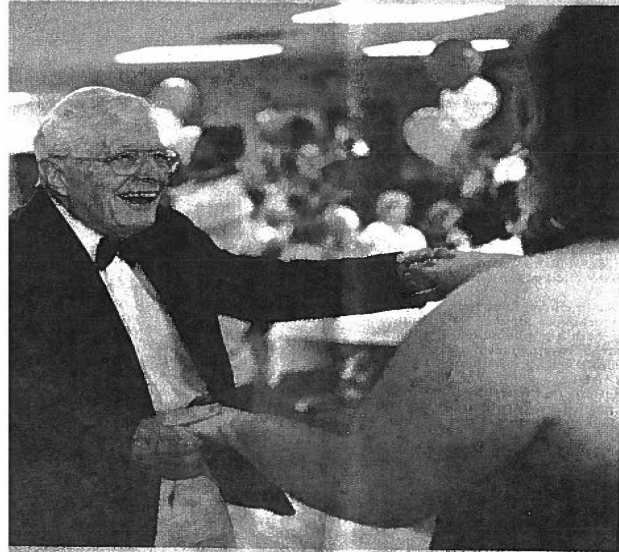
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SENIOR PROM



George Bock, a 96-year-old resident of Denver's Porter Place Retirement Community, enjoys a dance with activity director Breanna Ham at a prom party Tuesday at the center. More

Doctors indicted in four deaths

The two former Colorado residents are alleged to have committed health care fraud.

By Felisa Cardona *The Denver Post*

Two former Western Slope doctors could face life in prison after a federal grand jury indicted them on charges of committing health care fraud and dispensing painkillers that resulted in the deaths of four patients.

On Tuesday, Dr. Sam Jahani, 49, was arrested by federal agents in Texas, where he had recently been living. Authorities are still looking for Dr. Eric Peper, 53, who resides in Summerland Key, Fla.

The indictment alleges Jahani and Peper defrauded Medicaid, Medicare and Rocky Mountain Health Plans by prescribing painkillers to patients outside the scope of professional practice and billing those services to those health care benefit programs.

Jahani and Peper prescribed powerful painkill-