

"EXPERIENCE"

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Laughter Is Good For The Soul

- I used to think drinking was bad for me...so I gave up thinking.
- What do you call a cow with two legs? Lean Beef.
- What do you call birds that stick together? Vel-crows.

Aarp Defensive Driving Class will be held May 10, 2024, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, Course fee \$25.00 AARP Members, \$30.00 Non-AARP Member. Payment by check or Money Order Only made out to AARP. No Cash payments will be accepted. Bring your Driver's license & AARP Card if member. There will be a 30-minute lunch break. Please arrive a few minutes early for the registration process. Registration Required 518-295-2001.

Medicare Fraud Defined - Medicare fraud occurs when someone knowingly deceives Medicare to receive payment when they should not, or to receive higher payment than they should. Committing fraud is illegal and should be reported. Anyone can commit or be involved in fraud, including doctors, other providers, and Medicare beneficiaries. A provider is committing fraud if they:

- Bill Medicare for services you never received
- Bill Medicare for services that are different from the ones you received (usually more expensive)
- Continue to bill Medicare for rented medical equipment after you have returned it
- Offer or perform services that you do not need in order to charge Medicare for more services
- Tell you that Medicare will pay for something when it will not
- Use another person's Medicare number or card

Reporting Medicare Fraud - If you think there is something wrong with a bill for a Medicare service, call your doctor, provider, or the facility first to check if there was an error. You may want to speak to the billing department as well. If you are still concerned and have Original Medicare, you can contact the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). The MAC is the company that processed your Medicare claim, and their information can be found on your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). Alternatively, you can call 1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227). If you are still concerned and have a Medicare Advantage Plan, contact your plan directly. Your plan's phone number should be on the back of your benefit card and on your Explanation of Benefits (EOB).

To report fraud, contact 1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227), the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Resource Center (877-808-2468), or the Inspector General's fraud hotline at 1-800-HHS-TIPS (447-8477). Medicare will not use your name while investigating if you do not want it to.

Thought For The Week – The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply.
– Stephen R. Covey