

## **SMP Thespian Society Super Hero Skits**

### **Skit 1 ~ Large Newspaper Ad – Back Brace Scam**

Bene sitting in his/her living room reading the newspaper and comes across one of those large ads for “FREE Medicare-covered” back braces....

**Bene:** Wow! Honey, come look! I’ve found the solution to my low back pain...AND ...haha! It’s FREE and covered by Medicare...Gosh this is great! Look, it says here, “Medicare covers remarkable new device that can give seniors freedom from lower back pain.” This is perfect! You know how my back has been hurting for years!! Oh my...and they say all they need is my Medicare number and I can “reclaim my youth!” Watch out honey! Haha! I’m going to make a phone call right now!

*MC does a trumpet sound “Da da da daaaa...here comes SMP Super Hero \_\_\_\_!”  
In pops an SMP super hero! Cape and props and all!*

**Super Hero:** “Wait!! Don’t do it!” [Super hero leaps in and snatches the paper – s/he tears it up and says. ] “This is a scam! Medicare does not automatically cover such devices. Such devices, just like all Medicare-covered durable medical equipment, requires a prescription from your doctor. Them claiming universal coverage for all beneficiaries and blatantly by-passing the standard approval process is a big red flag for fraud. Scams like these are just easy ways for fraudsters to collect Medicare numbers so they can bill Medicare for items or services never delivered, or for items or services that are much more expensive than what you receive.

**Bene:** Oh no! that’s horrible. What should I do? But wait! First, who are you?

**Super Hero:** I’m one of California’s many Senior Medicare Patrol volunteer Super heros! ☺ We help inform our peers about fraud and empower people like you to make a difference by spotting fraud, saying no and reporting it! You can also spread the word to your family and friends!

So, since you just spotted this advertisement that’s a blatant example of fraud, call our Senior Medicare Patrol to report it at 855-613-7080.

**Bene:** I will! I’ll do that right now!

*Super hero comes in front of the camera while bene is making a phone call...*

**Super hero:** If you’d like to be a part of the solution and join our SMP volunteer team, contact us at the same hotline 1-855-613-7080, or online at [www.cahealthadvocates.org](http://www.cahealthadvocates.org) . The world can use more super heroes, ....stopping fraud, promoting peace and spreading goodness and smiles!