

Home Health Care Scam Superhero Skit

Four people are sitting at a table in a beneficiary's home playing cards and having lunch. There's another person dusting and cleaning in the background. This person is the "home health house cleaner" – He is dusting with a feather duster and softly humming merrily along. He dusts things in the room, the table, the beneficiaries' shoulders (– might tickle!!) all while the benes are playing cards. :)

Bene 1: I'm so glad you had us over again Ethel to play cards and share lunch. This is just great. *(Bene 1 just gets tickled a bit with the house cleaner's duster. Giggles slightly...)*

Yet, Ethel, how can you afford a house cleaner? I thought you were on a tight budget?

Ethel: Oh yes! Well, I'm just so excited. Medicare covers this as part of my new home health care. A gentleman came to the door last week saying his company could offer me cleaning and cooking services as part of my Medicare home health benefit. All he needed was my Medicare number and it's free to me!

Bene 1: Wow! Can I sign up? I'm on Medicare.

Housecleaner: (smiling and waving his/her hands with a business card in one hand) Yes! You can just call us!! Here's our card! Our services are free to you. Just give us your Medicare number and you'll never pay anything!! (cleaner winks to the audience)

"Betty" and Superhero in disguise jumps up and rips off shirt revealing her superhero costume while exclaiming... "Boom! Bam! Pop! Shazam!"
"Stop! Don't do it! Don't give him your Medicare number. It's a scam!! Medicare only covers home health care prescribed by your doctor for medically necessary care. It does NOT pay for things like house cleaning or meal prep. These scammers just get your Medicare number to bill for expensive services and/or equipment you won't receive."

Bene 1: But wait! Gosh, Betty, what happened to you?

Betty/Superhero: Oh Yes!! Betty is my undercover name, but I am one of the Senior Medicare Patrol Superheroes!! There's a whole team of us out stopping fraud and spreading smiles! ☺

Turns to camera...

If you come across any such suspicious Medicare scams or fishy deals that are too good to be true, call our SMP Superheroes at....1-855-613-7080!

Bene 1 & Bene 2 (benes together with Ethel and Betty to play cards): Protect, Detect, Report – together we stop fraud!