# Storytelling 101 Webinar

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#### Welcome!

#### **SHIPs**

 State Health Insurance
 Assistance
 Program

#### **SMPs**

SeniorMedicarePatrol

#### **MIPPAs**

 Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act

**ACL = Administration for Community Living** 

## Today's Presenter

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## Agenda

Storytelling 101

Resources

Q & A

# Storytelling 101

Presented by Vanessa Chase Lockshin www.TheStorytellingNonProfit.com

#### What You'll Learn

- What is storytelling
- The role of storytelling at SMP/SHIP
- How storytelling can help you
- Answers to your questions





## What Is Storytelling

Storytelling is the process of combining facts and narrative told with details and emotions to an audience.

## What Storytelling Is Not

**Manipulative** 

*₹* Unresolved or lacking future vision

**Relation** 

## Question



What is the role of storytelling in our lives?

#### **Stories Enrich Our Lives**

- Stories introduce us to new information
- 2 Stories help us make sense of details
- 33 Stories help us feel connected

## The Knowledge Gap

Your Audience

Stories

SMP/SHIP and You



Connection

Character

Conflict

Resolution

Call to action

#### Question



Can you think of a time when storytelling would be useful to explain something?

Education
Awareness
Outreach
Volunteer Recruitment

#### **Education**

**Conduct Outreach and Education.** SMPs give presentations to groups, exhibit at events, and work one-on-one with Medicare beneficiaries. Since 1997 more than 30 million people have been reached during community education events, more than 6.5 million beneficiaries have been educated and served, and more than 46,000 volunteers have been active.

**Engage Volunteers.** Protecting older persons' health, finances, and medical identity while saving precious Medicare dollars is a cause that attracts civic-minded Americans. The SMP program engages over 5,200 volunteers nationally who collectively contribute more than 155,000 hours each year.

**Receive Beneficiary Complaints.** When Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers, and family members bring their complaints to the SMP, the SMP makes a determination about whether or not fraud, errors, or abuse is suspected. When fraud or abuse is suspected, they make referrals to the appropriate state and federal agencies for further investigation.

\*Source: <a href="https://www.smpresource.org/Content/What-SMPs-Do.aspx">https://www.smpresource.org/Content/What-SMPs-Do.aspx</a>

#### **Education**

Do you have questions or concerns about Medicare or Medicare-related health insurance plans and programs? SHIPs answer questions about Medicare and assist people in obtaining coverage through options that include the Original Medicare program, Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plans, Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Plans, and programs designed to help people with limited incomes pay for their health care, such as Medicaid, the Medicare Savings Program, and the Low Income Subsidy. SHIPs also help people compare Medicare Supplemental (Medigap) insurance policies and explain how these and other supplemental insurance options -- such as insurance plans for retirees -- work with Medicare. In addition, SHIPs provide information on long-term care insurance and, when needed, refer beneficiaries to agencies such as the Social Security Administration and local Medicaid offices for additional assistance.

\*Source: <a href="https://www.shiptacenter.org/about-us/about-ships/">https://www.shiptacenter.org/about-us/about-ships/</a>

#### **Awareness and Outreach**

Stories about why the work is necessary

Stories about the problem you solve

Stories that speak to your successes

Think: more than just numbers and statistics

#### **Awareness and Outreach**

Medical identity theft occurs when a beneficiary's Medicare number is misused, either by a provider, a supplier, or by someone posing as the real beneficiary in order to receive medical care. Such Medicare numbers are considered "compromised." Medicare numbers are for life, even if stolen or misused, so a beneficiary whose number is compromised may be affected forever by false claims against his or her Medicare number.

\*Source: <a href="https://www.smpresource.org/Content/Medicare-Fraud/Consequences-to-Beneficiaries.aspx">https://www.smpresource.org/Content/Medicare-Fraud/Consequences-to-Beneficiaries.aspx</a>

#### **Awareness and Outreach**

**Health Impact:** Receiving health care from a fraudulent provider can mean the quality of the care is poor, the intervention is not medically necessary, or worse: The intervention is actually harmful. A beneficiary may later receive improper medical treatment from legitimate providers as a result of inaccurate medical records that contain:

- False diagnoses
- Records showing treatments that never occurred
- Misinformation about allergies
- Incorrect lab results

Additionally, because of inaccurate or fraudulent claims to Medicare, beneficiaries may be denied needed Medicare benefits. For example, some services have limits. If Medicare thinks such services were already provided, they will deny payment.

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#### **Awareness and Outreach**

**Do you want to learn more about your Medicare benefits?** SHIPs give presentations and distribute information to help groups and individuals learn about Medicare benefits, coverage rules, written notices and forms, appeal rights and procedures, and much more.

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#### Volunteer Recruitment

Stories about why people volunteer

Stories about volunteer impact

Stories about what volunteers do

#### Volunteer Recruitment

**Assisting with administration:** Help with work such as copying, filing, data entry, and placing outbound phone calls in support of SMP activity

**Distributing information:** Help with transporting and disseminating SMP information materials to sites and events; may include presenting prepared copy or performing scripted activities for small groups

**Staffing exhibits:** Help by staffing information kiosks or exhibits at events such as health fairs; also may provide general information about SMP to the public and answer basic questions

**Making group presentations:** Help by giving presentations on SMP topics to small and large groups; may interact with the audience by answering questions and through discussion

**Counseling:** Help by having direct conversations with beneficiaries about their individual situations; may include review of personal information such as Medicare Summary Notices, billing statements, and other related financial and health documents

**Managing complex interactions:** Help with in-depth interactions with beneficiaries who are reporting specific instances of health care fraud, errors, and abuse; may act on behalf of a beneficiary to correct an error or refer suspected fraud and abuse to the appropriate authorities

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#### FAQs about storytelling

How can I tell stories and protect someone's confidentiality?

Do I need permission to share an individual's story?

Does it always have to be a story about a person?

## Using Stories in Your Role



Every conversation or presentation is an opportunity to tell a story.



Start by thinking about what your main point is.

Then consider who it is you are talking to. What will resonate with them?



Come up with a few anecdotes that you feel comfortable sharing.

Practice sharing them with friends and family.

## **Sharing Stories**

Conversation with clients
At presentations
Volunteer recruitment
During community outreach
Volunteer training
In promotional materials
Other examples?

### **Personal Reflection**



How can you be a storyteller in your daily life?





## Thank You!

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#### Resources

**Heather Flory, The Center** 

# Webinar Resources: Today's recording and PowerPoint presentation

#### **SHIPs**

- Step 1: Login at <u>www.shiptacenter.org/</u> login.
- Step 2: Go to the Resource Library and view the "Recent" list or conduct a search.
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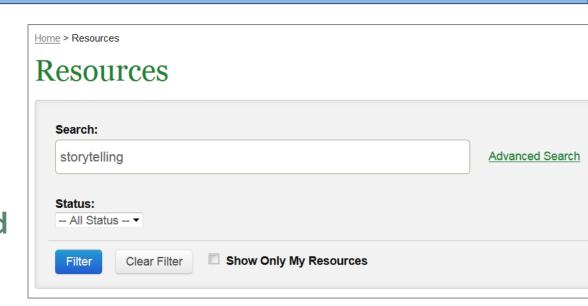
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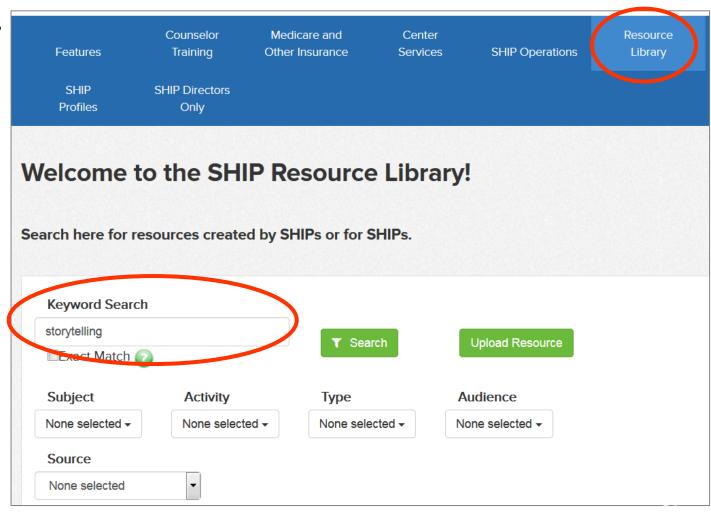
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Use the categories to search by prefilled lists.



### Questions?

#### Thank you for participating in today's webinar!

This presentation is available for download from WebEx during the Q&A session.

If you have questions later,

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