

# Storytelling 101 Webinar

June 15, 2017



# Welcome!

## **SHIPs**

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program

## **SMPs**

- Senior Medicare Patrol

## **MIPPA's**

- 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*  
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# What You'll Learn

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





# The Power of Story



# 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*

 *Perfection*


# Question



*What is the role of storytelling in our lives?*



# Stories Enrich Our Lives

- 1 *Stories introduce us to new information*
  - 2 *Stories help us make sense of details*
  - 3 *Stories help us feel connected*
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# The Knowledge Gap

*Your Audience*

*SMP/SHIP and You*

*Stories*





# Elements of a Story

*Connection*

*Character*

*Conflict*

*Resolution*

*Call to action*



# Question




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

# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP



# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

*Education  
Awareness  
Outreach  
Volunteer Recruitment*





# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

## *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: <https://www.smpresource.org/Content/What-SMPs-Do.aspx>

# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

## *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: <https://www.shiptacenter.org/about-us/about-ships/>



# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

## *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**



# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

## *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: <https://www.smpresource.org/Content/Medicare-Fraud/Consequences-to-Beneficiaries.aspx>

# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

## *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.

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



# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

## *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.

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



# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

## *Volunteer Recruitment*

**Stories about why people volunteer**

**Stories about volunteer impact**

**Stories about what volunteers do**



# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

## *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

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





# Storytelling at SMP/SHIP

## *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



# Sharing Stories

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



# Sharing Stories

*Start by thinking about what your main point is.*

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



# Sharing Stories

*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?*



Questions?





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# Thank You!

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# Resources

Heather Flory, The Center

# Webinar Resources:

## Today's recording and PowerPoint presentation

### SHIPs

- Step 1: Login at [www.shiptacenter.org/login](http://www.shiptacenter.org/login).
- Step 2: Go to the Resource Library and view the "Recent" list or conduct a search.
  - *Tip: Search for keyword "storytelling."*

### SMPs

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- Step 2: View the "Recent" list or conduct a search
- *Tip: Search for keyword "storytelling."*

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# SMPs: Find Resources in the Library

Step 1: Login to the SMP Resource Library at [www.smpresource.org](http://www.smpresource.org) > Resources for SMPs.

Step 2: Search by **keyword** or use the **advanced search** to find a specific type of resource, origin, language, topic, etc.

## ***Keyword Search Tip:***

To find today's webinar resources, use keyword "storytelling."

Home > Resources

## Resources

**Search:**

[Advanced Search](#)

**Status:**

-- All Status -- ▾

Show Only My Resources

## Advanced Resource Search

**Keyword Search:**

**Status:** -- All Status -- ▾

**Origin:** Center ▾

**Language:** -- All Languages -- ▾

**Intended Audience:** -- All Audiences -- ▾

**Type:**

Advertisement  Annual Report  Article/Newsletter

Assessment/Survey  Billboard  Brochure

# SHIPs: Find Resources in the Library

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Step 2: Search the SHIP Resource Library by **keyword** or **category**.

## **Keyword Search Tip:**

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Use the categories to search by pre-filled lists.

The screenshot shows the SHIP Resource Library search interface. The navigation menu at the top includes: Features, Counselor Training, Medicare and Other Insurance, Center Services, SHIP Operations, and Resource Library (circled in red). Below the menu, the page title is "Welcome to the SHIP Resource Library!". The search prompt is "Search here for resources created by SHIPs or for SHIPs." The search bar contains the text "storytelling" and is circled in red. To the right of the search bar are two buttons: "Search" and "Upload Resource". Below the search bar are five filter categories, each with a dropdown menu: Subject (None selected), Activity (None selected), Type (None selected), Audience (None selected), and Source (None selected).

# 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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