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Fraud and Identity Theft Workshop in Seattle

[Seattle, WA] - The Asian Pacific American Resource Network (APARN), a partnership of federal and state agencies and community based organizations in Seattle, is hosting a *Fraud and Identity Theft* workshop on Saturday, October 26, 2013, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will be held at the Asian Resource Center, 1025 South King Street in Seattle, and is free and open to the public.

Representatives from various state and federal agencies will share tips about how to identify, prevent, and fight fraud in Medicare and the new Marketplace. Presenters and panelists include representatives from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC), Office of the Attorney General, and Chinese Information Service Center (CISC) Crime Victims Unit. The presentations will be in English with simultaneous interpretation in Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese), Korean, Vietnamese, and Hindi.

“Fraud is a problem that impacts not only our seniors, but our entire community,” said Christine Takada, President and CEO of the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA). “We are pleased to participate in this workshop to educate and inform our community on how individuals can protect themselves against fraud.”

The Asian Pacific American Resource Network is a consortium of community health care organizations, government entities, and social services agencies who work together as a resource for the Asian and Pacific American community. The consortium is grounded in each organization’s commitment to collaborate in order to gain full participation in health and social services arena.

APARN partner organizations include the Chinese Information Service Center (CISC), Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Social Security Administration (SSA), Korean Women’s Association (KWA), Indian Association of Western Washington (IAWW), Kin On, Nikkei Concerns, Office of Minority Health (OMH), International Community Health Services (ICHS), Washington Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA), and NAPCA.

NAPCA is the leading advocacy and service organization committed to the dignity, well-being, and quality of life of Asian American and Pacific Islander elders as they age.

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