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DEAR FRIENDS,

MANY AN HOUR YOU HAVE PROVIDED.
LEARNING WITH ENTERTAINMENT WITH
THE VARIETY OF YOUR PROGRAMS. THANK
YOU!

NOW IT IS MY TURN TO ASK YOU TO
LOOK INTO THE "FAKE" INSURANCE
PROVIDED BY MEDICARE PART "B".
AND WARN RETIRED PEOPLE.
AT 67 AND ON S.S. AT 444.00 A MONTH.
I FELT SECURE UNTIL 9/13/90. I WAS
ADMITTED TO COTTAGE HOSPITAL, SANTA
BARBARA FOR GALL BLADDER SURGERY.
WAS DISCHARGED SEPT. 21ST, & STILL
IN PAIN AND ANGRY WITH POLITICIANS.
AWAITING ME IN MY APARTMENT MAIL
BOX WAS THE FIRST BILL FROM ANESTHESIA.
MEDICAL GROUP OF SANTA BARBARA,

OVER

THE BILL WAS \$671.76. A FEW DAYS
LATER TRANS-AMERICA INS WHO ARE
THE DISBURSING AGENTS FOR MEDICARE
SENT ME A CHECK FOR \$271.19
EXPLAINING THAT THE \$671.76 CHARGE
WAS ONLY APPROVED FOR \$343.80
BY MEDICARE AND 80% OF THAT.
EQUIMLED \$271.19. THE BALANCE
WAS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY.

PLEASE, THE DOCTORS ABOUT THE
WEALTHY RETIRED ARE STALE.

AS A UNIVERSITY GRADUATE WITH
30 YEARS HARD WORK IN THE
PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS FIELD
WITH SOME MAJOR COMPANIES AND
TWO MAJOR C.P.A. FIRMS MY
GROSS INCOME IS APPROX \$20,000
PER YEAR. AND NO PENSION(S)

RETIRED PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THAT
DOCTORS' CAN CHARGE ANYTHING
THEY LIKE FOR SERVICE. IN MY
CASE THE INSURANCE UNDER
PART B MEDICARE IS WHAT?

40%. HOW MANY PEOPLE LIKE
MYSELF ARE UNAWARE OF THE
"GAP" BETWEEN DOCTOR CHARGES
AND REIMBURSEMENT BY MEDICARE?

PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS TRAP
SET FOR THE ELDERLY. THANK YOU.

P.S. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT AFTER THE
FACT THAT YOUR OWN INSURANCE, FIRE INSURANCE,
LIABILITY INSURANCE, WOULD ONLY COVER 40%
OF THE COST/LOSS LEAVING YOU WITH 60% TO PAY
OUT OF YOUR NEST EGG. IT'S KENNY SEP. 0005
WE HAVE BEEN HARD. MY RIGHT SIDE KNEES STILL.



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