



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Santa Monica Volunteer Honored for Counseling Seniors on Medicare Insurance**

**SANTA MONICA (July 13, 2011)** - Steve Miller, a long-time Pacific Palisades resident and retired businessman, volunteers every week at WISE & Healthy Aging in Santa Monica to provide free counseling to Medicare beneficiaries. He was recently honored at a recognition event by the nonprofit Center for Health Care Rights for his extraordinary work in the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

The HICAP Advocacy Award is given to individuals who provide outstanding service to anyone who has questions about the intricacies of Medicare, Medigap insurance, long-term care insurance or Part D drug coverage.

Miller has served hundreds of clients with his knowledge of Medicare.

HICAP is a state program administered by the California Department of Aging that offers free counseling services and community education.

Trained HICAP Counselors, who are registered with the state, provide unbiased information about Medicare, related health care options, and long term care insurance to help Medicare beneficiaries make informed decisions about their individual health care coverage.

WISE & Healthy Aging has partnered with the Center for Health Care Rights to provide free HICAP counseling and community education programs on Medicare and related health insurance.

For more information on WISE & Healthy Aging, please call 310-394-9871.

WISE & Healthy Aging, a social services organization, enhances the independence, dignity and quality of life of older adults through leadership, advocacy and innovative services.