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**FRAUD PREVENTION EVENT PLANNED
“2005 SCAM JAM”**

(PHOENIX – April 7, 2005) – The Department of Economic Security Aging and Adult Administration and the Arizona Fraud Coalition have planned a community information event dealing with fraud prevention called “2005 Scam Jam”. The event will be held on April 12, 2005 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the South Mountain Community Center, 212 East Alta Vista Road in Phoenix.

The Arizona Fraud Coalition consists of the Better Business Bureau, Arizona Department of Insurance, Attorney General’s Office, Office of the Inspector General, Maricopa County Attorney’s office, City of Phoenix Police Department, Corporation Commission, Registrar of Contractors, AARP, Premier Information Center, Pro One and the Area Agency on Aging, Region One. They will be presenting information to the public concerning the different types of fraud in the areas of Medicare, mail/sweepstakes, affinity and identity theft.

The Aging & Administration Senior Patrol Project utilizes senior volunteers who have been trained to help individuals spot and report suspicious or questionable activity on their Medicare and AHCCCS medical bills. The goals of the volunteer group are to reduce and prevent fraudulent practices and to report fraud by providers and suppliers.

The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about fraud prevention. Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations such as a sign language interpreter and persons requiring more information may call Ada Leach at 602-542-6439.

