



Get Ready for Enrollment



## Medicare Annual Enrollment: APPRISE Medicare Counselors are Ready to Help Beneficiaries Navigate the Confusion

**Lebanon, Pennsylvania** – Medicare Annual Enrollment is October 15 through December 7 of each year. If Medicare recipients miss the opportunity to make adjustments to their plans now, they will have to wait another year.

Medicare Enrollment Deadlines:

- **Medicare’s Annual Coordinated Election Period (AEP)** takes place October 15-December 7 of each year. Both Part D AND Medicare Advantage plan members must make plan changes at this time.
- **Medicare’s Annual Disenrollment Period (ADP)** takes place from January 1-February 15 of each year. People with Medicare Advantage (MA) plans will only be able to return to Original Medicare and join a stand-alone prescription drug (Part D) plan.

APPRISE counselors will be available to assist people with assessing their Medicare coverage options this enrollment season. The Lebanon County APPRISE Program will be holding [Medicare Annual Enrollment Events](#) at the Senior Center Building **by appointment only** during October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please call **Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging (LCAAA)** at **717-273-9262** to set up an appointment.

**Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging/APPRISE Program** is a local affiliate of APPRISE, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, the designated State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) in Pennsylvania. SHIPs receive grant funding through the Administration of Community Living (ACL) to provide direct, local assistance to Medicare beneficiaries through one-on-one, counseling sessions (both in-person and over the phone), presentations, and public education programs. There are 67 APPRISE programs in Pennsylvania.

### **APPRISE counselors can help Medicare beneficiaries:**

- Review current coverage
- Check qualifications for low-income programs
- Compare plans with all available options
- Search for specific plans online that meet specific prescription and medical needs
- Give easy-to-understand answers to questions about Medicare
- Help enroll in a plan online

“For over 14 years, the **Lebanon County Area Agency on Aging/APPRISE** Program has helped thousands of beneficiaries understand their Medicare rights and options and to navigate an increasingly complex Medicare environment” said LCAAA Director, Carol Davies. “Due to the tireless efforts of the **LCAAA/APPRISE Program’s** dedicated staff and volunteers, beneficiaries have had a helping hand to guide them through the maze of choices.”

Beneficiaries may also use online tools available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) (the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder for health coverage) to review options. They can compare cost and coverage information on plans serving their area by entering their Medicare number, age, health status, local pharmacy and their current prescriptions.

**“LCAAA/APPRISE Program** volunteers and staff serve our community with tremendous enthusiasm and purpose,” says Roslyn Rogers, APPRISE Program Manager, PA Dept. of Aging. “Without their assistance, we would not be able to provide the services vital to the health and well-being of our community.”

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APPRISE is a FREE health insurance counseling program designed to help older Pennsylvanians with Medicare. Counselors are specially trained volunteers who can answer your questions and provide you with objective, easy-to-understand information about Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Medicaid, “Extra Help” Programs, and PACE/PACENET.