

**Ridgefield Social Services Press Release**  
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## **Ridgefield Social Services & the Ridgefield Library Provide Free Prescription Reviews for Medicare Recipients Medicare Open Enrollment for 2022**

**Ridgefield Social Services and their team of CHOICES certified Medicare counselors will once again be offering free reviews to Ridgefield residents at the Ridgefield Library.** These free, one-on-one meetings will provide a confidential review of your prescription drug coverage, an explanation of benefits, and general assistance to people with Medicare. Counselors will compare your current drug coverage with plans for 2022 assuring all your medications are covered and you are not paying more than you need to. Last year's Open Enrollment counselors saved Ridgefield residents \$260,000 on projected 2021 prescription drug costs.

Medicare Prescription Drug plans make changes each year to premiums, coverage and network providers. Open Enrollment, October 15<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>, is the only time during the year you can change your prescription drug coverage for the coming year. The Center for Medicare Advocacy urges beneficiaries to “carefully weigh all their Medicare coverage options annually”, we are here to help you do this.

We will once again be joining forces with the Ridgefield Library to provide counseling sessions. Appointments can be made for a zoom, phone or in person meeting. To schedule your appointment, you will be asked to complete the **Medicare Plan Comparison Worksheet and Drug Screening Form** providing your name, phone, email, current coverage, medications etc. These forms may be picked up at the Town Hall info office, or by emailing [municipalagent@ridgefieldct.org](mailto:municipalagent@ridgefieldct.org).

For more information on any of our programs and to make your appointment to speak with a Ridgefield Medicare CHOICES counselor, **please email Karen Gaudian at [municipalagent@ridgefieldct.org](mailto:municipalagent@ridgefieldct.org) or call at 203.431.2754.**

This program is made possible through the joint efforts of the Ridgefield Department of Social Services, the Ridgefield Library, Founders Hall the Western CT Area Agency on Aging (WCAA), and additional support from the Commission on Aging (COA).  
**CHOICES** counselors are trained to provide unbiased information and counseling on Medicare, Medigap, Medicaid, Medicare Savings Programs, Long Term Care Insurance and other state and federal programs.  
The **WCAA** is one of five Area Agencies on Aging in CT and is a private, not-for-profit organization which serves the needs of older adults or individuals with disabilities.