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Local Medicare Presentations Scheduled

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Are you a Medicare beneficiary? Want to find out more information about how the Medicare Annual Coordinated Election Period can work for you? Want to stay informed and healthy and save money? If so, then mark your calendar for Medicare informational presentations and counseling events that will be available this Fall in your county.

These free events are made possible by the Ohio Department of Insurance's Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP), which travels the state each fall to help Ohioans, family members and caregivers understand the different Medicare coverage options and available financial assistance. Medicare's Annual Coordinated Election Period starts October 15th and ends December 7th. During this time, Medicare beneficiaries can evaluate their current coverage and make the determination on whether they should switch to a plan that will better support their needs. Those on Medicare are strongly encouraged to attend a session, which will provide helpful information and assistance.

The Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7) can also help you throughout the year to answer any questions you might have concerning your Medicare coverage, specifically with help surrounding the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Low Income Subsidy "Extra Help" Program and the Medicare Savings Program (assistance with Part B premium). If you would like to learn more about these programs and whether or not you are eligible to receive discounts on your prescription drugs, please call our office at 1-800-582-7277 and ask for extension 250.

Local Medicare presentations are scheduled for:

Adams County

October 3rd at 11:00 am at the Adams County Senior Nutrition Site, located at 111 W. Main Street in West Union. This event is an informational presentation only. RSVP for lunch at 937-544-3021.

Brown County

October 10th at 11:00 am at the Brown County Meal Site in Georgetown, located at 505 ½ N. Main Street in Georgetown. This event is an informational presentation only. RSVP for lunch at 937-378-3818.

Gallia County

December 5th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Bossard Memorial Library, located at 7 Spruce Street in Gallipolis. This is a counseling event by appointment only. To schedule a time, please call Kristy Bowman at the Area Agency on Aging District 7 at 1-800-582-7277, extension 250.

Highland County

September 19th at 12 Noon at Highland County Senior Center, located at 185 Muntz Street in Hillsboro. The event is an informational presentation only.

Another event will also be held on October 17th starting at 9:00 am where counseling will be available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call (937) 393-4745.

Jackson County

November 1st at 9:00 am at the Jackson County Medicaid Office/Jackson One Stop, located at 25 E. South Street in Jackson. This is a counseling event by appointment only. To schedule a time, call Nan Miller at (740) 688-4149.

Lawrence County

October 24th starting at 10:30 am at Briggs Lawrence County Public Library, located at 317 Solida Road in South Point. This is a counseling event by appointment only. To schedule a time, call Kristy Bowman with the Area Agency on Aging District 7 at 1-800-582-7277, extension 250.

Pike County

October 30th starting at 10:00 am at the Bristol Village Activity Center, located at 660 E. 5th Street in Waverly. This is a counseling event by appointment only. To schedule a time, call Kristy Bowman with the Area Agency on Aging District 7 at 1-800-582-7277, extension 250.

Ross County

October 11th at 11:00 am at the Ross County Senior Center, located at 1824 Western Avenue in Chillicothe. This event is a presentation only.

Another event will also be held in Ross County on October 16th at the Senior Center. This is a counseling event by appointment only. To schedule a time, call Kristy Bowman with the Area Agency on Aging District 7 at 1-800-582-7277, extension 250.

Scioto County

October 23rd starting at 10:00 am at the Scioto County Senior Center/United Scioto Senior Activities, located at 117 Market Street in Portsmouth. This is a counseling event by appointment only. To schedule a time, call Kristy Bowman with the Area Agency on Aging District 7 at 1-800-582-7277, extension 250.

Another event will also be held in Scioto County on November 15th starting at 10:00 am at Potters House Ministry, located at 5409 Winchester Avenue in Portsmouth. This is a counseling event by appointment only. To schedule a time, call Kristy Bowman with the Area Agency on Aging District 7 at 1-800-582-7277, extension 250.

Vinton County

December 4th starting at 10:00 am at the Wilkesville Community Center, located at 164 Main Street in Wilkesville. Call Kristy Bowman with the Area Agency on Aging District 7 at 1-800-582-7277, extension 250 to schedule a time.

For more information about the Medicare presentations, you can call the Area Agency on Aging District 7 toll-free at 1-800-582-7277, ext. 250, or the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) toll-free at 1-800-686-1578.

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