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AgeOptions Introduces Avisery by AgeOptions

Avisery by AgeOptions is a new statewide program that enables financial advisors and representatives of insurance companies, hospitals and health care providers to better help their clients make informed decisions on health care coverage that allows them to thrive as they age.

AgeOptions introduced Avisery earlier this year. It provides new tools and support to professionals who serve older adults and people with disabilities.

"With the introduction of Avisery, AgeOptions is continuing a 20-year tradition of helping guide older adults and the professionals who serve them through the maze of Medicare options where one wrong choice could cost you thousands of dollars or gaps in coverage," said Diane Slezak AgeOptions president and chief executive officer.

Avisery fee-based services include trainings, technical assistance and a day-long Medicare/Medicaid Counselor Training. Onsite presentations for consumers and in-service trainings for professionals are also available.

Participants in Avisery programs learn to:

- Understand the differences and costs of services provided under Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement plans and Medicare prescription drug coverage
- Determine eligibility for benefits under Medicare and Medicaid
- Keep clients enrolled in plans that include their health care organizations and provider networks

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- Maximize plan benefits to meet client/member/patient needs
- Help clients plan properly for post-retirement health care costs

All revenue generated from Avisery goes back into the program and enables AgeOptions to provide the same support, training and technical assistance to community-based nonprofit organizations that serve low-income residents of Illinois.

“Purchasing an onsite presentation from Avisery or a ticket to one of our trainings helps support and sustain our work of helping low-income older adults and people with disabilities access the health care coverage that best meets their needs,” said Alicia Donegan, AgeOptions manager of Healthcare Education and Counseling.

Additional information on Avisery and the services it offers is available at avisery.org or by emailing the Avisery team at avisery@ageoptions.org.