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ORANGE COUNTY TO HOST MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT EVENTS

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (October 24, 2016)—The Orange County Department on Aging and the N. C. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) invite the public to review your 2017 Medicare Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans.

Two special Medicare Open Enrollment Clinics will be offered to assist beneficiaries in reviewing their coverage and making changes that may lower their costs in the coming year. Beneficiaries could save by:

- Evaluating eligibility for low-income subsidies
- Changing to the lowest cost Part D Drug Plan based on current medications & preferred pharmacy
- Exploring available Medicare Advantage Plans

The clinic is being offered on Thursday, November 10, and again on Saturday, December 3. Certified Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) Medicare counselors will provide free, un-biased one-on-one counseling to those who are Medicare eligible.

The clinics are free. Participants are encouraged to make an appointment, however, walk-ins are welcome.

Beneficiaries should bring all of their current medications, Medicare card and any other insurance cards with them on the day of the enrollment clinic.

Medicare Open Enrollment Clinic Location and Dates:

Seymour Center – 2551 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill

Thursday, November 10, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SHIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance that offers free, unbiased Medicare counseling in all 100 counties including Orange County through the Department on Aging.

For more information or to make a Medicare clinic appointment, please call 919-968-2070.

Clients may also make an individual appointment with a certified SHIP counselor throughout the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, October 15 – December 7. Contact the Passmore Center at 919.245.2015 for an appointment in Hillsborough, or the Seymour Center at 919.968.2070 for an appointment in Chapel Hill.

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