Medicare Part D Open Enrollment

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October brings cooler weather, shorter days, and the change in our health insurance plans. Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage) Open Enrollment begins on October 15 and continues through December 7.

Remember each year, insurance companies have the opportunity to change the monthly premium price and renegotiate the drugs they choose to cover and the prices of those drugs with the pharmacy. Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to change drug plans every year during the open enrollment period October 15 – December 7. It is always a good idea to visit with a SHICK Counselor to see how your plan might be changing in the upcoming year. For example, did the premium go up, did the deductible go up, did they drop your plan and roll you into another, did they take one of your medications off their drug list? Even if you are happy with your current Medicare coverage you should check to see how your plan has changed. That is being a good consumer. This way you know what to expect from your policy.

If you would like to schedule an appointment with a Certified SHICK Counselor in the Phillips or Rooks County area contact: Anna Schremmer, Phillips-Rooks FCS Extension Agent

You may call the Phillips-Rooks Extension District Office at 785-543-6845. Anna will be in Logan at the Christian Church (Dane G Hansen building is being renovated) on October 20, November 3 & 10. The rest of the time at Phillipsburg at the extension office. This year because of COVID-19, I ask that anyone wanting an appointment fill out the needed paperwork and return it to the extension office by mail or drop it off. An appointment can be made at that time or by calling the extension office at 785-543-6845.

The last change you make to your Medicare coverage during Fall Open Enrollment will take effect on January 1, 2021. SHICK Counselors provide this free educational service to any Medicare beneficiary. For more information, contact Phillips-Rooks Extension Office 785-543-6845.

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