



# CUMBERLAND COUNTY AGING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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## ***Aging & Community Services Offers Help to Residents with Medicare Plan Comparisons During Open Enrollment Period***

**Cumberland County, PA** – The Cumberland County Aging & Community Services APPRISE Counselors will be available by appointment to assist residents with comparing plan options for Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans (Part D) during the open enrollment period October 15, 2016 – December 7, 2016.

Medicare beneficiaries will be able to evaluate, compare, and switch Medicare Advantage Plans and/or Medicare Prescription Drug Plans. It is vital that Medicare beneficiaries assess their current plan to determine whether it will meet their cost and coverage needs for 2017. If they choose to switch Medicare Advantage Plans and/or Prescription Drug Plans, their new drug coverage will begin on January 1, 2017. However, if a beneficiary is satisfied with their current plan, there is no action required and they will automatically be reenrolled. Medicare is urging those who wish to make a change to do so by December 7, 2016, so that their enrollment may be completed by January 1, 2017.

In an effort to provide the beneficiaries of Cumberland County with assistance through this process, the Cumberland County Aging and Community Services APPRISE Program will be hosting opportunities for comparisons and enrollment. These events will provide Medicare Beneficiaries the opportunity to sit down with a trained APPRISE Counselor and compare Medicare Advantage Plans and/or Prescription Drug Plans, as well as enroll into a plan. Appointments are required.

**The following is a list of dates, times, and locations for Cumberland County enrollment events. Appointments must be scheduled in advance of these sessions to meet with an APPRISE Counselor.**

Cumberland County Aging and Community Services  
Monday through Friday from 9am – 3pm

Branch Creek Place, Shippensburg PA  
Wednesday - October 26th, Wednesday - November 9th, and Wednesday -  
November 16th from 9am – 2:30pm

Mechanicsburg Place, Mechanicsburg PA  
Wednesday – November 2nd and Wednesday – November 23rd from 9am – 3pm

West Shore Senior Center, New Cumberland PA  
Thursday – October 20th from 9am – 3pm

Big Spring Senior Center, Newville PA  
Friday – October 28th and Friday – November 18th from 9am – 3pm

Messiah Lifeways @ Messiah Village, Mechanicsburg PA  
Monday - November 7th from 9am – 3 pm

Mary C. Schaner Senior Center, Enola PA  
Tuesday – November 29th from 9am – 3 pm

In order to obtain the most accurate information, Medicare Beneficiaries are urged to bring their Medicare Card, a list of all their prescription medications (with the dose and frequency used) and information about any other health insurance the beneficiary has.

The APPRISE Program is a free health insurance counseling program for people with Medicare. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Cumberland County Office of Aging & Community Services at 240-6110 or 1-888-697-0371 ext. 6110. Plan comparisons will be done by appointment only.

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