



Medicare Open Enrollment October 15-December 7, 2011

Open enrollment for Medicare is starting earlier this year. October 15 is the first day you can change your Medicare Part C & D enrollment for next year. This is a great time to review your health and prescription drug plans. There may be a plan in your area that would cost less, cover more of your prescriptions, or let you go to the providers you want. You can call healthcare plan providers to get an estimate of your costs and check customer service ratings.

To find out other plans that are offered in your area check your “Medicare and You” handbook. Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), and say “AGENT” for insurance counseling. The help line is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) has trained volunteers that will help you find plans available to meet your needs. Just call HICAP at the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging office, 805-477-7310.

Don’t miss out! If you are eligible for Medicare this is the time to make changes. Information is available on the internet at www.medicare.gov/open-enrollment or www.medicareroute66.com.