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Medicare Open Enrollment begins Oct. 15

(Salem) – Open enrollment begins today for Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans.

Open enrollment for the 2022 Medicare plan year is from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, 2021.

Medicare plans and coverage for prescription drugs change each year, so it is important for Oregonians who are enrolled in Medicare to evaluate their plan options and make changes during open enrollment.

The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is available to help Oregonians understand their Medicare options and benefits, provide enrollment guidance and answer any questions related to Medicare benefits.

"Medicare is a critical benefit for older adults and people with disabilities and navigating the options available can be confusing," said Jane-Ellen Weidanz, ODHS Long Term Services and Supports Administrator. "When it comes to open enrollment, do not wait until the last minute. Take time to review your options and make choices as soon as you can. SHIBA is here to help Oregonians make the right choice for them."

SHIBA provides trained counselors to educate and advocate for Oregonians with Medicare. Local SHIBA counselors and SHIBA's 2022 Oregon Guide to Medicare Insurance Plans can be found by visiting SHIBA.Oregon.gov.

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