

A Kenosha County ADRC Benefit Specialist Newsletter

# Medicare General Open Enrollment Period

The Medicare open enrollment period starts October 15, 2021 and ends December 7, 2021, for 2022 plans. During the open enrollment period, you can enroll in Medicare Advantage plans (Part C) and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D).

Get ready for Medicare's Open Enrollment with these steps:

- Check your mail. You may get important notices from Medicare, your current insurance coverage, or Social Security. If you're in a Medicare plan, you'll get an Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) letter, letting you know of any changes in coverage, costs, or the service area of your current Medicare plan.
- Review your 2021 "Medicare & You" handbook. It has information about Medicare coverage, as well as Medicare Advantage and Medicare Prescription Plans.

Think about your Medicare coverage needs for 2022. You can review 2022 plan options on medicare.gov or by contacting the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 262-605-6646.

Any changes made to your Medicare coverage during October 15, 2021 through December 7, 2021, will be effective January 1, 2022. If you do not make any changes, your current coverage will stay the same.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### VIRTUAL ZOOM MEDICARE MINUTES

#### \*Registration Required

Call Kenosha County ADRC at 262-605-6646 or 1-800-472-8008 A Zoom link will be e-mailed to you.

### July

**Thursday, July 29**, 2021, 1–2 p.m. TOPIC: Troubleshooting Medicare Coverage Problems

#### August

Thursday August, 26, 2021, 10—11 a.m. TOPIC: Common Medicare Open Enrollment Notices

#### September

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 10—11 a.m.

TOPIC: Medicare's Open Enrollment Period

### COMMUNITY EVENT

July 17, 2021, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Kenosha Harbor Market 56th Street, Kenosha, WI 53140 Kenosha, Wisconsin





### How We May be Able to Assist You

Benefit Specialist J.H. assisted a client who is trying to make decisions on health insurance and retiring at age of 65. The client wanted to make a decision about retiring with a pension and requested help on determining what the cost of health insurance would be after retiring. The benefits specialist utilized Medicare.gov to determine monthly costs for medications and average medical costs for both original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. Additionally, the Benefit Specialist reviewed the client's employer plan with the client to explain how the employer plan would coordinate with Medicare coverage. The Benefits Specialist provided three possible options available for Medicare coverage to the client for review.

The client now has detailed costs for health care once retired and will have information to make the best possible decision on their behalf.

At the Kenosha County ADRC, the benefits specialists can help clients in many different ways. We serve all of Kenosha County. Call us! 262-606-6646 or 800-472-8008.





# Meet Diana Martinson, Elder Benefit Specialist



My name is Diana Martinson, and I am an Elder Benefit Specialist / WI SHIP Counselor with the Kenosha County Aging & Disa-

bility Resource Center.

I was a former Certified Surgical Technologist/ Certified Anesthesia Technologist. Technical Product Support Specialist-Neurosurgical @ NeuroCare Group (Integra NeuroSciences). Additionally I was a 911 Call Center Operator and a Neurosurgical Scheduler at The Neurological Clinic in Racine, WI and ENT Scheduler at The Otolaryngology Center, Milwaukee, WI.

I attended Gateway Technical Institute, Marquette School of Nursing, Anesthesia Program and Carthage College Paralegal Program.

I am English and Spanish speaking. I enjoy helping people with the complexities of health benefits. I've done my job when clients have a peace of mind.

## Monday – Friday • 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Appointments available

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