



## **Medicare Open Enrollment is Underway October 15, 2017 - December 7, 2017**

Medicare beneficiaries will have the chance to get personalized help from APPRISE Medicare counselors at numerous locations during the Open Enrollment Period this year. A list of locations and dates is provided at the end of this article.

Medicare Advantage Plans and Part D Prescription Drug Plans are allowed to change the amounts of their plan deductibles, co-pays, and total out-of-pocket expenses, as well as drug formularies each year, and that's why Medicare strongly recommends that beneficiaries compare their current plan against other plans available for 2018. Changes made during the Annual Enrollment Period will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

APPRISE Counselors offer impartial assistance to Medicare beneficiaries so they can receive the most comprehensive healthcare and prescription coverage possible at the best price possible. They also screen beneficiaries to determine eligibility for several benefit programs that can help with the costs of Medicare and prescription coverage.

If you are already in a Medicare Advantage Plan or a Part D Prescription Drug Plan, you can make an appointment to meet with an APPRISE counselor during the Open Enrollment Period by contacting Lancaster County Office of Aging, 299-7979 or 1-800-801-3070. You can also email the agency at [aging@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:aging@co.lancaster.pa.us). (If you are a new Medicare beneficiary, and would like to meet with a counselor for an introduction to Medicare and to enroll in secondary coverage or a Prescription Drug Plan, you will be scheduled during a time other than one of the Open Enrollment Period appointments.)

If you are unable to come to one of the following locations to have a plan comparison done, please call the APPRISE program about having a comparison completed by an alternative method.

### **Annual Enrollment Period Appointments - Locations and Dates**

**Adamstown Public Library, 3000 N. Reading Road, Adamstown**  
Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Cocalico Senior Association, 156 W. Main St. Reinholds**

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 am - 4 pm

**Denver Borough Hall, 501 Main Street, Denver**

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Lancaster County Office of Aging, 150 N. Queen St., Suite 415, Lancaster**

Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Lancaster Neighborhood Senior Center, 33 E. Farnum St., Lancaster**

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Lititz Public Library, 651 Kissel Hill Rd., Lititz**

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Manheim Township Library, 595 Granite Run Rd., Lancaster**

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Milanof-Schock Library - 1184 Anderson Ferry Road, Mt. Joy**

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Quarryville Public Library, 357 Buck Rd., Quarryville**

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**The Lancaster APPRISE program** is administered through Lancaster County Office of Aging and is a local affiliate of APPRISE, a program of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, the designated State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) in Pennsylvania. 54 SHIPs in the US and its territories receive grant funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide direct, local assistance to Medicare beneficiaries through one-on-one, counseling sessions, presentations, and public education programs.

