HICAP Monthly Newsletter

November Issue 2023

HICAP is here to help Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm
Give us a call at (559) 224-9117 or 1-800-434-0222

Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Continues!

Happy Thanksgiving from your local HICAP

A program of valley CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER
Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7. During this time, people eligible for Medicare can compare 2024 coverage options on Medicare.gov.

Medicare.gov provides clear, easy-to-use information, as well as an updated Medicare Plan Finder, to allow people to compare options for health and drug coverage, which may change from year to year.

1-800-MEDICARE is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide help in English and Spanish as well as language support in over 200 languages.

Thank You, Community Members & Partners!

Thanks to you, the Fresno-Madera HICAP was able to assist approximately 200 Community Members within the month of October alone! Our Registered Counselors are working diligently to continue to serve Fresno and Madera counties for the remainder of Annual Open Enrollment. Thank you, HICAP staff and volunteers!

Keep in mind: These enrollment periods are just around the corner!

General Enrollment Period

January 1 through March 31

Available Programs:

- Part A
- Part B

Coverage begins the first day of the following month.

General Enrollment Period

January 1st - March 31st

3-month period each year during which you can enroll/join:

- Part A
- Part B
Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period
January 1st - March 31st

3-month period each year during which you can:
- Switch Medicare Advantage Plans
- Drop your Medicare Advantage Plan and return to Original Medicare with a Part D plan

Coverage begins the first day of the following month.

Have questions?
Let us know!

HICAP would like to encourage our beneficiaries to follow

HICAP is available Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM
to assist you with all things Medicare
(559) 224-9117 or 1-800-434-0222

HICAP Social Media
Annual Open Enrollment is the time to review your 2024 Medicare plan choices!

Please contact HICAP at (559) 224-9117 to inquire about available appointments, or contact Medicare for 24/7 assistance at 1-800-633-4227.

Upcoming December Events

See where HICAP will be next month:

**Senior Scam Stopper**
When: Wednesday, 12/06/23
Where: Clovis Senior Activities Center
Time: 1pm-3pm

**Cultiva La Salud**
When: Monday, 12/11/23
Where: Virtual
Time: 8:30 am

**Medi-Cal Application Assistance Day**
When: Wednesday, 12/13/23
Where: Clovis Senior Activities Center
Time: 1pm-3pm

HICAP would like to encourage our beneficiaries to follow us on social media.

HICAP Community Outreach Coordinator, Sujey Martinez creates our wonderful HICAP posts. Below are HICAP's October posts in case you missed them....
When: Wednesday, 12/13/23  
Time: All Day  
(Appointment Required)  

If you are interested in scheduling a future HICAP presentation please contact us at (559) 224-9117.

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**Important HICAP Announcement!**
Our website has launched!

Please visit our webpage at the Valley Caregiver Resource Center website for more information about your Fresno and Madera HICAP. Please scan the QR code for quick access, or find us at valleycrc.org.

November 19th's Medicare & Medi-Cal Event

Thank you to Jakara Movement and Fresno County Department of Social Services for a successful outreach and assistance event at the Sikh Institute Fresno!

Our team was able to provide detailed assistance to 12 families through designated appointment slots with interpreters.

HICAP was also available to answer general questions for the estimated 150 individuals that were present at this event.

This event also included a resource fair and mobile
Resource fair and mobile health clinic with UCSF.

Please check out our photos!

HICAP is honored to have been able to reach our Community Members where they are at. Contact us for details and information regarding future Outreach events at (559) 224-9117.

Upcoming December Events

Medi-Cal Application Assistance Day

Join us for one of our favorite events!

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month, Fresno County Department of Social Services joins us at Valley Caregiver Resource Center to assist Seniors and Caregivers about all things Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and
Medi-Cal Application Assistance Day is by appointment only. Please call HICAP at (559) 224-9117 to schedule your appointment. Spaces are limited, call us today!

Senior Scam Stopper
Be Informed and Protect Yourself

Join us and learn how to protect yourself from scammers. Seniors, their families, and caregivers are welcome to attend this FREE seminar.

SeniorScamStopper.com
www.cslb.ca.gov

WEDNESDAY
December 6, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Clovis Senior Activity Center
735 3rd St.
Clovis, CA 93612

Assemblyman Jim Patterson and the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) invite you to attend a Senior Scam StopperSM seminar. Panelists include representatives from the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) and the California Department of Insurance (CDI).

For more information, please contact
Asm. Patterson’s office at (559)446-2029.
Senior Medicare Patrol
Your HICAP counselors serve as SMP liaisons, please contact HICAP at (559) 224-9117 to report Medicare Fraud.

We are always here to help and share our services!

Best Wishes, from the Fresno/Madera HICAP Team
Laura, Jean, Sujey, Jessenia, Gyan, Wayne C., Linda, and Debra

For program updates and more information, please visit our website:

https://valleycrc.org/hicap-program/
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