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

HICAP welcomes Medicare Annual Open Enrollment!

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.

To view options for health and drug coverage, contact your local HICAP! HICAP can assist you with navigating Medicare.gov.

1-800-MEDICARE is also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide help in English and Spanish as well as language support in over 200 languages.
Annual Open Enrollment is the time to review your 2024 Medicare plan choices!

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

HICAP Social Media

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 August posts in case you missed them.......
If you are interested in scheduling a future HICAP presentation please contact us at (559) 224-9117.
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 CalWorks.

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!

Jakara Movement Medicare & Medi-Cal Event
Join HICAP and Fresno County Department of Social Services for a free assistance event hosted by Jakara Movement!

Click here or scan the code above to register.

Senior Medicare Patrol
Medicare’s Open Enrollment Period

Considerations when choosing a new plan
If you have Original Medicare, ask yourself these questions before choosing a stand-alone Part D drug plan:

- Does the plan cover all the medications I take?
- Does the plan have restrictions on my drugs?
- How much will I pay for monthly premiums and the annual deductible?
- How much will I pay at the pharmacy (copay/coinsurance) for each drug I take?
- Is my pharmacy in the plan’s preferred network? Can I fill my prescription by mail order?
- What is the plan’s star rating?
- If I have other drug coverage, will the Medicare drug plan work with this coverage?

Ask yourself these questions before choosing a new or different Medicare Advantage Plan:

- How much are the premium, deductible, and coinsurance/copay amounts?
- What is the annual maximum out-of-pocket cost for the plan?
- What service area does the plan cover?
- Are my doctors and hospitals in the plan’s network?
- What are the rules I must follow to access health care services and my drugs?
- Does the plan cover additional benefits not covered by Original Medicare?
- What is the plan’s star rating?
- Will this plan affect any additional coverage I may have?

Ask yourself this question about Medigap policies if you are leaving or joining Original Medicare during the fall Open Enrollment Period:

- Will I be able to buy a Medigap policy to help with out-of-pocket costs, now or in the future?

You can use Medicare’s Plan Finder tool to compare plans. Access Plan Finder by going online to www.Medicare.gov/plan-compare. You can also call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for help comparing plans or using Plan Finder. Contact information for your local SHIP is on the last page.

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We are always here to help and share our services!

Best Wishes, from the Fresno/Madera HICAP Team
Laura, Jean, Sujey, 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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