Expansion of Medi-Medi Plans Coming to Fresno and Madera Counties in 2024

On Friday, July 21, 2023, HICAP welcomed the California Department of Health Care Services Deputy Director for the Office of Medicare Innovation and Integration, Anastasia Dodson to present the new Medi-Medi Plan expansion for Fresno and Madera Counties.

In order to offer coordinated care across Medicare and Medi-Cal for
dual eligible beneficiaries, DHCS and Medicare established Medi-Medi Plans.

These plans will be available during Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment (October 15th- December 7th) and coverage will begin in 2024.

HICAP invited local stakeholders from The Fresno Center, The Fresno American Indian Health Project, and The Jakara Movement to participate in the discussion after to provide valuable feedback on how to implement education and outreach for this expansion into their communities.

Are you a Medicare beneficiary and curious if you are eligible to be for a Medi-Medi Plan, contact HICAP to speak with a registered counselor at (559)224-9117
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 July posts in case you missed them.......

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**MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT IS**

**OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 7**

**It's just around the corner!**

**DOES YOUR COMMUNITY KNOW ABOUT HICAP SERVICES?**

**SCHEDULE YOUR PRESENTATION NOW!**

**Let's get in touch!**

- (559)-224-9117
- (800)-434-0222
- 5363 N. Fresno St.
- Fresno, CA 93710

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**SIRS #169**

- When: Tuesday, 8/08/23
- Where: Pardini's
- Time: 12-1:30pm

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**MAAD (Medi-Cal Assistance Day)**

- When: Wednesday, 8/09/23
- Where: VCRC conference room
- Time: All day

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**HOSPICE FRAUD ALERT**

**WHAT IS HOSPICE?**

Hospice is a service for end of life care — usually a life expectancy of 6 months or less. Hospice focuses on reducing pain & symptoms. It does not aim to cure conditions.

**Hospice fraud occurs when Medicare Part A is falsely billed for any level of hospice care.**

**Contact us for more information!**

- (559)-224-9117
- 5363 N. Fresno St.
- Fresno, CA 93710
When: Wednesday  
8/16/23  
Where: 5566 E. Kings Canyon Rd. Fresno, 93727  
Time: 6pm

Native American Caregiver Forum  
When: Friday, 8/18/23  
Where: Clovis Veterans Memorial District 808 4th Street, Clovis, 93612  
Time: 9am-2pm

EAH Housing: Arbor Court  
When: Tuesday.  
8/22/23  
Where: 4838 E. Laurel Ave. Fresno, 93727  
Time: 10am

Sanger Library  
When: Wednesday.  
8/23/23  
Where: 1812 7th St. Sanger, 93657  
Time: 6pm

VCRC Class: Medicare 101  
When: Thursday  
8/24/23  
Where: Virtual Class  
Time: 2-3:30pm

Ventanilla de Salud-Mexican Consulate and Binational of Central CA  
When: Tuesday,  
8/29/23  
Where: 7435 N. Ingram  
Time: 8am-12pm

Reedley Library  
When: Wednesday,  
8/30/23  
Where: 1027 E. St. Reedley, 93654

Central Valley Community Bank  
When: Thursday,  
8/31/23  
Where: Virtual  
Time: 8am-9am

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

Contact HICAP to learn more about how you can support our Medicare beneficiaries your community.
BIG CHANGES COMING SOON........

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.
APPLYING FOR MEDI-CAL as a
MEDICARE BENEFICIARY

with HICAP
Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program

FOR SERVICE TO MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Senior Medicare Patrol
Your HICAP counselors serve as SMP liaisons, please contact
HICAP at (559)224-9117 to report Medicare Fraud.

IT’S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

1. Get in contact with Medi-Cal at HICAP
MEDI-CAL APPLICATION ASSISTANCE DAY FOR FRESNO COUNTY
During your scheduled appointment, a Fresno County Eligibility Worker may provide assistance with:
- General program questions
- Application assistance with: Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWorks
- Ongoing cases
- Understanding letters received
CALL HICAP TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-5PM  (559) 224-9117

2. Gather these important documents
- Legal names of all people included in the application
- Social Security cards
- Proof of Address: Utility Bills (i.e. PG&E), insurance documents, etc.
- Proof of Identity: Passports, driver’s license, etc.
- Income and Tax Information: W2 forms, pay stubs, bank statements, etc.
- Property: Car title, etc.
Disclaimer: Please bring all documents enclosed in a secure folder. Do not share documents/personal information with anyone other than the Eligibility Worker on site.

3. Fill out the initial application for Fresno County
Eligibility is income-based, and considers assets.
- Homeowners
  - Individuals: $130,000 limit
  - Couples: $195,000 limit
Families or persons with income too high to qualify for a free Medi-Cal program may have a Share of Cost.
HOSPICE FRAUD ALERT!

Have you suddenly lost access to your doctor?

Are your specialists refusing to see you?

Can’t get your medications at the pharmacy?

BEWARE!

You may have been tricked into signing up for a program that is medically unnecessary for you.

Hospice is a benefit, covered by Medicare and it is meant for Medicare beneficiaries with a terminal illness.

Some hospice agencies may approach you outside of supermarkets or may show up to your home unannounced and recruit non-terminally ill Medicare beneficiaries by offering you free items or services and calling themselves a “program that helps seniors.”

If you or someone you know signed up for free services but now face issues accessing medical care, please contact the Senior Medicare Patrol immediately at:

855-613-7080

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For additional information on healthcare fraud, visit cahealthadvocates.org
HICAP is a program of Valley Caregiver Resource Center and we would like to invite you to participate in our annual Celebration of Care scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2023. Please contact VCRC Executive Director, Michelle DiBuduo at (559) 224-9154 for ticket and sponsorship information.

*** We welcome and appreciate Live and Silent Auction items***

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 Jennifer

For program updates and more information, please visit our website: https://valleycrc.org/hicap-program/

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