

HICAP

FRESNO/MADERA (PSA-14)

Virtual Updates!

Greetings!

We have some insightful updates and resources for Medicare Beneficiaries and their families. We cannot stress enough that our program continues to stay open for phone and virtual appointments to better serve our community during these unprecedented times. To call for our free one-on-one Medicare counseling, please contact our office at (559) 224-9117. We are also offering an "Introductory and Overview on Medicare" presentation for organizations or groups. For more details and information, please contact our Program Manager, Jennifer Webb at (559) 224-9117 ext. 301.

Staff Updates

Please join us in welcoming our new HICAP Bilingual Counselor in training, ***Maria Martinez***. Maria is no stranger to advocacy and is quickly learning all things Medicare to help inform, educate, and advocate for our Medicare Beneficiaries. We are so excited to have you join our team Maria!!!!

We are happy to share that Program Manager, Jennifer Webb has been asked to serve on the ***Breast Cancer Screening Community Advisory Group (CAG)***. This project works directly with ***The Fresno Center*** and ***CalViva Health*** to provide, gather, and discuss information and recommendations to increase breast cancer screening for the Southeast Asian community. Jennifer is excited to help educate the Southeast Asian community about Medicare, and how Medicare covers mammograms at no cost for Medicare Beneficiaries when they see a doctor who accepts assignment. If you are interested in learning more about Medicare benefits please contact **HICAP at (559) 224-9117 or (800) 434-0222** to speak with a HICAP counselor.

Volunteer Program



HICAP has scheduled “3” valuable and interactive training sessions for our valuable volunteers over the next three months. This month volunteers virtually attended a presentation for CalABLE.

CalABLE is a savings and investment plan offered by the State of California to individuals with disabilities. Please click on this link to learn more:
<https://www.calable.ca.gov/>

HICAP Innovation

HICAP is thinking out of the box and collaborating with community partners like never before to get the word out about HICAP services. Recently, HICAP presented to Fresno Advocacy Services at Reading and Beyond. This program was established to support families and loved ones of those struggling with mental illness. They provide access to education, assistance, and referrals to community resources. And now HICAP is one of their referral resources!! Medicare Beneficiaries receive covered mental health services through their Part B and we are happy to assist Fresno Advocacy Clients with their coverage concerns and questions.

Please contact HICAP at (559)244-9117 to schedule a presentation for your business or organization to see how we can benefit you too!

Senior Medicare Patrol

Ambulance fraud happens when Medicare is charged



for services that are not medically necessary or do not meet other strict standards. Learn more about ambulance fraud, what it looks like, how to prevent it, and how to report it, here: <https://smpresource.news/ambulancefraud>

Medicare Information

Open Enrollment Reminder cards are being mailed out next month so keep a look out!!

Call your local HICAP at (559) 224-9117 or (800) 434-0222 to schedule your appointment now before we book up!!

IT'S TIME TO CALL!

HICAP
Health Insurance
Counseling and
Advocacy Program

OPEN ENROLLMENT IS
OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 7

CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TO REVIEW YOUR MEDICARE PLAN CHOICES

HICAP is a program of the Valley Caregiver Resource Center serving Medicare beneficiaries in Fresno and Madera counties. HICAP counseling services are provided by counselors registered with the California Department of Aging who are acting in good faith to provide information about health insurance policies and benefits to you, the client. Counseling is free, confidential, and unbiased.

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Fundraising Event

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CAREGIVER
RESOURCE CENTER

FORMALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:
25TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF CARE

(ASABLANCA)
Evening

SAVE THE DATE:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2021
WOLF LAKES PARK

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
Rob Chapa, Outreach and Development
559-224-9154
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Here's looking at you, kid...

COVID-19 Vaccination Resources for Fresno & Madera Counties

For all the latest and up to date information regarding COVID vaccinations please visit the below resources:

Fresno County vaccine schedule:

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument?id=51485>

To inquire about Fresno County vaccines:

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-information>

Fresno County vaccination sites:

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=52599>

[Fresno County COVID-19 Vaccination Sites](#)

Fresno County COVID-19 Vaccination Sites Aria Health Centers - Riverdale 3554 W. Mt. Whitney Ave. Riverdale 93656 (559) 867-4000 Valley Health Team - San Joaquin 21890 W. Colorado Ave. San Joaquin 93660 (559) 693-2462

www.co.fresno.ca.us

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To inquire about Madera County vaccines:

<https://www.maderacounty.com/government/public-health/covid-19/covid-vaccination>

Madera County detailed information and frequently asked questions:

<https://www.maderacounty.com/home/showpublisheddocument?id=23754>

[COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions January 5, 2021 • Dialysis centers • Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non -continuous nursing supervision and supportive care • Home health care and in-home supportive services • Community health workers, including promoters • Public health field staff • Primary Care clinics, including Federally Qualified Health Centers.

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

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

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Contact Information. Jennifer Webb Program Manager, HICAP Phone: (559) 224-9117 or (800) 434-0222 Email: jwebb@valleycrc.org HICAP is a member of the National State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) network.

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**We are always here to help and share our services!
Best Wishes, from the**

Fresno/Madera HICAP Team

Jean, Laura, and Jennifer, Maria

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