

Mysteries of Medicare: Things to Know about Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment Period – October 15 – December 7, 2019

During the 2019 Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period (AOEP), you can make changes to your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) or your Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C). These changes would be effective January 1, 2020. Medicare AOEP is for people who already have Medicare and would like to review their coverage for the upcoming year.

If you would like assistance in reviewing these possible changes APPRISE is ready to assist you. APPRISE is Pennsylvania's statewide program of free insurance consultation under the auspices of the Chester County Department of Aging Services and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).

When evaluating your plans, check changes to benefits, network areas, the formulary, copays, drug tiers, and/or premiums. Any of these changes could put you at risk for a cost you would not be expecting.

APPRISE counseling is FREE, unbiased, personalized and confidential. Appointments to review your Medicare options for 2020 are available in many locations in Chester County, including senior centers, township buildings, libraries and the Chester County Government Services Center. Contact the senior centers directly to schedule appointments at their location. For other locations call 610-344-5234 (after September 15th) to leave a message and an APPRISE volunteer will contact you within one business day to schedule your appointment.

For individuals who will be new to Medicare, please call the general Helpline 610-344-5004 for assistance or one of the senior centers directly. You can find additional information on the APPRISE webpage <https://chesco.org/477/Apprise-Medicare-Counseling>