

Mysteries of Medicare – Medicare ‘Toolkit’

Help is available for your Medicare questions through the Chester County Department of Aging’s APPRISE Medicare Counseling Program.

APPRISE, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (“SHIP”) of Pennsylvania, can help you to understand your health care coverage options so you can make sound choices - both when new to Medicare and on an ongoing basis. APPRISE counselors are specially trained and certified volunteers who can answer questions about Medicare, Medigap plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Prescription Plans, Medicare/Medicaid and more. Our services are free, confidential, and unbiased. In Chester County, APPRISE operates under the Chester County Department of Aging Services. We are funded through the Administration for Community Living under the US Department of Health and Human Services.

We have put together a [small booklet](#) that consists of a brief history of Medicare, Medicare facts, a Medicare Preventive Benefit checklist, and a list of commonly used terms. Also, included is a [pamphlet outlining](#) eligibility for programs that can help with the cost of Medicare and drug affordability.

More information is available on the Chester County Department of Aging Services website <https://chesco.org/477/Apprise-Medicare-Counseling> or by calling the APPRISE Helpline 610-344-5004 option 2.