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The window to sign up for Medicare prescription plans opens today

Alaska's Medicare Information Office counselors statewide busy helping Alaskans choose best option

ANCHORAGE — The annual enrollment window for Medicare prescription drug plans runs Oct. 15–Dec. 7.

Alaska's Medicare Information Office reminds Alaskans that like their needs, plan options change often, so it is worth reviewing the choices each year for the best value.

Medicare also charges its beneficiaries permanent late-enrollment fees if they do not sign up for Part D the first time they are eligible.

Alaskans do not need Part D if they already have prescription coverage through a health care insurance plan such as the military's TriCare or most employer-funded retiree health plans.

Alaskans who receive Medicaid as well as Medicare must choose a plan, but are exempt from enrollment deadlines.

Questions? For local help from trained Medicare counselors, call 907-523-4431 in Juneau; 907-479-7940 in Fairbanks; 907-262-6333 for the Kenai Peninsula; 907-770-2027 for the Anchorage bowl, or 907-373-3650 for the Mat-Su.

In the rest of the state, call Alaska's central Medicare Information Office, 1-800-478-6065 toll-free statewide, or 269-3680 in Anchorage, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Alaska's Medicare Information Office is part of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services. The office's mission is to answer Medicare-related questions year-round and prevent Medicare fraud, waste and abuse.

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for Americans 65 and older or with certain disabilities. For Medicare information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, visit medicare.alaska.gov.

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