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**Deputy Director Kuhl Reminds Residents About Medicare Open Enrollment**

*Medicare Open Enrollment Runs Through December 7<sup>th</sup>.*

Deputy Director Jeff Kuhl, and liaison to the Department of Human Services recently reminded Hunterdon County residents that Medicare Open Enrollment is currently open and runs through **December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Mr. Kuhl shared, “Medicare’s open enrollment period runs from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup>. Each year, Medicare health and drug plans make changes to things like cost, coverage, and what providers and pharmacies are in their networks.

October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup> is the time when Medicare eligible residents can make needed change their Medicare health and prescription plans for the upcoming year, to better meet their needs.”

The Hunterdon County Senior Center has SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) trained counselors who can help residents with Medicare-related questions and concerns. These volunteers are available at no cost to the public and can assist with enrollment changes. Counselors can help participants verify if a plan covers specific medicines, works with their pharmacy, and if the plan adequately covers the medical services they may need.

Deputy Director Kuhl added, “Each year plans change with respect to cost and coverage. Using the free, SHIP counselor is a great opportunity to select an appropriate medical plan as well as enroll in prescription drug coverage if you don’t already have prescription coverage.”

The Senior Center started taking appointments on Monday September 18, 2023, for residents to meet with SHIP counselors. Interested parties can call 908-788-1359 to make an appointment for a consultation with a SHIP counselor.