

news release

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AREA 9 OFFERS MEDICARE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

Every year there are new prescription drug and health plan coverage choices available to people with Medicare. Open Enrollment is the time of year when current or newly-eligible Medicare beneficiaries, including people with original Medicare, can review their current health or prescription drug plans, compare the plan to other options, and choose the plans that best meet their current needs.

Take advantage of Open Enrollment – October 15th through December 7th – and be sure to compare current plans with new plan offerings, as well as learn about the new benefits that are available. People with Medicare may find a way to save money, get better coverage, or both!

You may also qualify for programs to help pay for your medicines. To find out if you qualify for Medicare's Extra Help Programs and to get assistance with selecting the best Medicare Part D Plan for prescription coverage, **call to schedule an appointment with an Area 9 SHIP Counselor at (765) 966-1795 or (800) 458-9345**. Appointments available:

October 17th - 21st	9:00am - 3:00pm
November 14th - 18th	9:00am - 3:00pm
December 6th - 7th	9:00am - 3:00pm

SHIP Counselors will be available on site to assist you at other event locations. You must call (765) 966-1795 or (800) 458-9345 to make an appointment:

Fayette Co. Senior Center	November 9th	9:00am - 12:00am
Franklin Co. Senior Center	November 9th	9:00am - 12:00pm
Rushville Senior Center	November 15th	9:00am - 1:00pm
Union Co. Council on Aging	November 3rd	10:00am - 1:00pm
Union Co. Public Library	November 9th	9:00am - 12:00pm

Appointments available at the Western Wayne Senior Center October 15th - December 7th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. To make an appointment, call (765) 478-4579.

Area 9 is a community service of Indiana University East and is the Area Agency on Aging which serves Fayette, Franklin, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.