PA MEDI MEDICARE PROGRAM: WHO ARE WE?

The SCS **Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight Program (PA MEDI Program)** of Delaware County is the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) that was created by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to assist Medicare Beneficiaries of any age understand their health Insurance Options. The Pennsylvania Department of Aging created PA MEDI Program to help Pennsylvanians with Medicare, Medicaid, and other health insurance questions and/or concerns.

VOLUNTEERS are primary to the PA MEDI Program's success. PA MEDI Volunteers/Counselors are **Specially Trained** to provide unbiased Medicare and Medicaid Health Insurance information, and Part D Prescription Information options to help individuals make informed decisions related to their healthcare needs**.**

The PA MEDI Program Education and Counseling Services are **FREE.**

 PA MEDI Program Volunteer/Counseling Services can be provided**:**

- By **Phone** from our Delaware County PA MEDI Program Office **484 494-3769**
- By making an appointment to meet **one-on-one** with a PA MEDI Volunteer/Counselor at one of the many Delaware County PA MEDI Program locations.

Medicare Presentations: There are **five** types of presentations that the PA MEDI Program offers throughout the year. These sessions are scheduled year-round and are one-hour sessions in length.

Medicare 101 Presentations – Medicare 101 Presentations explains the basics of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. In addition, the Medicare 101 Presentation explains Medicare terminology such as Copays, Coinsurance, Deductibles, Enrollment Special Periods, Medicare Plan Enrollment and Disenrollment, Penalties, Medigap, and Supplemental Plans. This presentation is offered from January through September each calendar year.

How to Complete A Health Plan Comparison Presentation - The "How to Complete A Health Plan Comparison Presentation" is a one-hour PowerPoint Presentation that explain step by step instructions on navigating and completing a Medicare Advantage Health Plan or Medicare Prescription Plan Comparison from the Pennsylvania Medicare Plan Finder" on the "**Medicare. Gov**" Website ". This presentation is offered year-round.

Medicare Cost Sharing Program Presentations – This is a presentation that shares information concerning saving Medicare Beneficiaries money on their Part A (Hospitalization Copays and Deductibles), Part B (Medical Copays and Deductibles) and Part D Prescriptions (Copays, Gap

Coverage and Premiums). The programs discussed are the Medicare Savings Programs, The Extra Help Program, and PACE/PACENET Programs. This presentation is offered from January through September each calendar year.

Medigap Basics Presentations – This presentation shares fundamental information about Supplemental Plans (Also called Medigap Plans). The PA MEDI Program explains how these plans can help cover the 20% that Medicare Insurance does not cover. This presentation also explains Supplemental/Medigap Plan Types, Plan Terminology, Plan Selection, Plan Cost, and how the PA MEDI Program can be of assistance to the Medicare Beneficiary concerning enrollment into Supplemental Plans. This presentation is offered from January through September each calendar year.

Medicare Annual Enrollment Update Presentations – Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Presentations are scheduled from October 15th through to December 7th yearly. Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Presentations are classroom style presentations that explain new and updated information for the forthcoming Medicare Year. These presentations consist of explanations of the upcoming year's information concerning Original Medicare Premiums, Deductibles, Copays, and new plans and more.

For more information or to schedule appointments for any of the PA MEDI Program Medicare Services you may contact the **Delaware County PA MEDI Medicare Program Director Glenda A. Radical 484 494-3769 or gradical@scs-delco.org.**