



**NEWS**

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**Medicare Check-Up events help seniors select best coverage**

Medicare's annual open enrollment period will be here soon (Open enrollment is Nov. 15-Dec. 31). To help seniors prepare, Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio and other organizations are holding Medicare Check-Up events throughout our region.

**What:** Medicare Check-Up Events. New and existing Medicare recipients can get accurate, unbiased information and help in selecting a Medicare plan. Even if you're currently on Medicare, it's wise to review your coverage each year. That's because drug formularies, plan benefits and provider networks can change. You want to make sure your plan still meets your needs.

Representatives of the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) will give a presentation on the basics of Medicare and updates on changes. After the presentation, individualized help will be available.

Participants should bring:

- List of current prescriptions, including dosages
- Name and address of your preferred pharmacy

**Who, where, when:**

**Council on Aging Event**

**Council on Aging Medicare Check-Up**

**Tues. Nov 11, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Sycamore Senior Center, 4455 Carver Woods Dr., Blue Ash**

Registration recommended, but not required. Call 513-984-1234

OSHIIP presentation followed by COA staff providing individuals with personal plan comparisons

More info: 513-345-8643

**Other Medicare Check-Up events: (Questions: 800-686-1578 or [oshiipmail@ins.state.oh.us](mailto:oshiipmail@ins.state.oh.us))**

**Warren County**

**Tues. Nov. 4, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Warren County Community Services, 570 N. State Route 740, Lebanon**

**Clermont County**

**Fri. Nov. 7, 1 – 3 p.m.**

**Union Township Civic Center, 4350 Aicholtz Road**

**Butler County**

**Tues. Dec. 2, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Partners in Prime, 140 Ross Ave., Hamilton**

**About Council on Aging**

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio (COA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older adults and their families.

Since 1974, COA has been designated by the state of Ohio as the Area Agency on Aging for Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties. COA plans, coordinates, funds and administers programs for an area that is home to more than 252,000 adults age 60 and older.

COA promotes choice, independence, dignity and well-being of older adults through a range of services that help them remain in their homes for as long as possible.

One call to COA links people to the wide variety of agencies, information and programs that serve older adults.

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