## **BET**ter Living ...

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## **Medicare Open Enrollment**

Are you currently on Medicare? Do you have a prescription drug plan? If you are answering yes to one of these questions, then the enrollment might be for you. The enrollment period for Prescription Drug Plans is October 15<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>. The plans enrolled in during this period will take effect January 1, 2016. Persons with Medicare are encouraged to compare prescription drug plans each fall during the Open Enrollment Period.

As Senior Health Insurance Counselors for Kansas, we objectively compare drug plans and provide education about your options for the coming year. The decision of which drug plan to choose ALWAYS remains with you!

I am a certified Senior Health Insurance Counselor for Kansas (SHICK) and I am willing to assist Medicare beneficiaries with shopping to find the best prescription drug plan. There have been several changes to the Part D plans for next year, so I encourage you to shop this year. Mary Reed Spencer, a SHICK volunteer, will be helping too.

Here are some dates and locations available:

**November 10** – St. John Lutheran Church Hall, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**November 12** – Wabaunsee County Extension Office, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**November 12** – Mill Creek Valley Junior High, 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**November 18** – Harveyville United Methodist Church, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**November 19** – Maple Hill Senior Center, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

November 23 – Alta Vista Senior Center, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**November 24** – Wabaunsee County Extension Office, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**November 30** – Eskridge Library, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**November 30** – Harveyville United Methodist Church, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

These enrollment opportunities allow for you to receive FREE assistance from a Medicare Certified Counselor and are filling up fast. **Appointments are required**. To schedule your appointment, please call the Wabaunsee County Extension Office at (785) 765-3821.