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Medicare Annual Enrollment to begin October 15

BOISE ID (October 14, 2015) – The Idaho Department of Insurance reminds Medicare beneficiaries that the annual enrollment period will begin October 15 and continue through December 7. During this time, Medicare beneficiaries can change, drop or enroll in a prescription drug coverage plan or a Medicare Advantage plan. Annual enrollment does not apply to Medigap.

The Department's office of Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) is available to help consumers understand their options. SHIBA is a federally-funded program that offers free, unbiased counseling – advisors do not sell insurance nor recommend coverage.

"Medicare can be confusing, and Idaho consumers have options to help them find plans that are best for their particular circumstances," says Department Director Dean Cameron. "Idaho licensed insurance agents and SHIBA counselors are available to help."

To make an appointment with a SHIBA counselor, consumers are encouraged to call toll free 800-247-4422. SHIBA has counselors in communities throughout Idaho.

About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.

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