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## Medicare enrollment begins October 15, ends December 7

BOISE, ID – The Medicare Annual Enrollment period begins October 15th and ends December 7th.

People with Medicare looking to make changes to existing Prescription Drug or Medicare Advantage plans, or those seeking to enroll in new plans in Idaho can do so during the annual Medicare Open Enrollment period, October 15 through December 7.

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) from the Idaho Department of insurance are available statewide to meet with Medicare beneficiaries and those eligible to join the federal health care program. SHIBA representatives can provide free Medicare information, including reviewing Medicare coverage options.

"Medicare can be confusing. However, Idaho consumers have options for plans that best fit their medical needs," said Director Dean Cameron. "I strongly encourage consumers to seek guidance from our SHIBA representatives and a licensed agent."

SHIBA offers information on <u>Medicare Open Enrollment, including a calendar of events</u> offered statewide where Medicare counselors will be available to provide assistance during the Open Enrolment period.

Call toll free (800) 247-4422 to make an appointment or to speak with a SHIBA counselor.

#### **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 serve and protect Idahoans by equitably, effectively and efficiently administering the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:doi.idaho.gov">doi.idaho.gov</a>.

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