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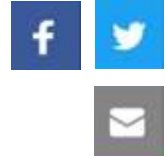
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## Medicare Open Enrollment Begins October 15

**BOISE, ID (October 14, 2022)** – The Idaho Department of Insurance and Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) encourage consumers eligible for Medicare to review their plan options and costs during this year's open enrollment. From October 15 through December 7, Idahoans can make changes to existing Prescription Drug or Medicare Advantage plans or enroll in new plans.

"Medicare can be confusing, and one's circumstances can change. It's important that Idaho seniors take the time during open enrollment to review if their plan is still the best fit for their medical needs," said Director Dean Cameron. "I strongly encourage consumers work with a licensed local insurance agent or SHIBA to review plan options."

SHIBA representatives at the Idaho Department of Insurance are available to talk with Medicare beneficiaries and provide free Medicare information, including reviewing Medicare coverage options.

Call toll free (800) 247-4422 to speak with a SHIBA counselor. SHIBA also offers monthly Medicare workshops. To register for an upcoming Medicare workshop, please contact the SHIBA Helpline at 1-800-247-4422.

The open enrollment period is also a time for Idahoans to watch out for scams and improper marketing of Medicare health plans. Idahoans can learn more about how to protect themselves during Medicare Open Enrollment by visiting <https://doi.idaho.gov/shiba/medicare-improper-marketing/>

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### 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, please visit us at [doi.idaho.gov](https://doi.idaho.gov) or email us at [consumeraffairs@doi.idaho.gov](mailto:consumeraffairs@doi.idaho.gov).