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**Open enrollment is a good time to review Medicare plans;
SHIBA to offer Medicare review workshop in Pinehurst**

PINEHURST, ID (October 3, 2024) – The Idaho Department of Insurance (DOI) 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.

SHIBA representatives are available to talk with Medicare beneficiaries and provide free Medicare information, including reviewing Medicare coverage options. They are offering a **Medicare Review Workshop on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 107 Main Street, Pinehurst, ID, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm.**

“It is important to review your Medicare plan annually,” says DOI Director Dean Cameron. “Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug plans can change each year, including premiums, provider networks, co-pays / co-insurance, pharmacy networks, covered drugs and extra benefits. The SHIBA Medicare Review Workshop is a free opportunity for consumers to ensure their plan is the best plan for their current health needs.”

Anyone interested in attending this free workshop please contact SHIBA at 1-800-247-4422 to register.

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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 or email us at consumeraffairs@doi.idaho.gov.

About SHIBA

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) serves Idahoans on Medicare and those who help them by offering free, unbiased Medicare benefits information and assistance through workshops, group presentations and personal counseling. SHIBA – a service of the Idaho Department of Insurance – is Idaho’s provider for the federal network of State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs). The program is partially funded by and operated under the authority of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living (ACL).