

# Choices Volunteers



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### **General Medicare Information:**

- [Eligibility Quick Guide 2017](#) (updated 03/08/17)
- [Quick Guide Supplement 2017](#) (updated 12/21/16)
- [Program Quick Guide 2014](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Bundled Payment for Care Improvement](#) (added 03/03/16)
- [Health Savings Accounts + Medicare](#) (added 03/24/16)
- [Application for Enrollment in Medicare Part B \(English\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Application for Enrollment in Medicare Part B \(Spanish\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Inpatient or Outpatient?](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [New CT Law - "Observation Status" 10/1/14](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Self Help Packet for Medicare Observation Status](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

- [Physician Compare](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Hospital Compare](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Nursing Home Compare](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Medicare Costs in 2017](#) (reviewed 04/12/17)
- [2016 Medicare & You](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Understanding Medicare Enrollment Periods](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Key Enrollment Periods for Medicare](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Medicare Premiums: Rules for Higher-Income Beneficiaries](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Agent/Broker Dos+Dont](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Your Discharge Planning Checklist](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Your Guide to Medicare's Preventive Services](#) (reviewed 04/12/17)
- [Guide to Consumer Mailings \(CMS, SS & Plans\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

## Medicare Part C & D



- [Re-Determination of Part D Low-Income Subsidy Eligibility for 2017](#) (added 08/11/16)
- [2016 Part D Benchmark Plans](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Part D Prescription Form \(PIF\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Choices Client Name & Contact Information](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Choices Reporting Log](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Extra Help and Paying the Right Amount](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Medicare's Limited Income Net Program](#) (added 05/26/16)
- [Drug Coverage Part D vs Part B](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Fairfield County Landscape of 2017 Medicare Plans](#)(updated 11/23/16)
- [Fairfield County 2017 Medicare Advantage Plans](#) (updated 02/08/17)

- [\*\*Guide to Choosing a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan\*\*](#) (updated 10/26/16)
- [\*\*Part D 2016 Standard Plan Cost Sharing\*\*](#) (updated 11/23/16)
- [\*\*Eligibility & Premium Calculator\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Conversion Equivalents\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Late Enrollment Penalty Guide\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Trouble Shooting Plan Finder Problems - Instructions\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Trouble Shooting Plan Finder Problems - Form\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

## **Medicare Savings Program Information**

- [\*\*MSP Application \(English\)\*\*](#) (updated 12/07/16)
- [\*\*MSP Application \(Spanish\)\*\*](#) (updated 12/07/16)
- [\*\*MSP Brochure \(English\)\*\*](#) (updated 03/1/17)
- [\*\*MSP Brochure \(Spanish\)\*\*](#) (updated 03/1/17)
- [\*\*MSP Frequently Asked Questions\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*MSP Application/Redetermination Pre-fillable form\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Medicare Savings Program Presentation\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)  
Available for Counselor's Use

## **Medigap Information**

- [\*\*Medigap Fact Sheet\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Medigap Rates\(English\)\*\*](#) (updated 06/22/17)
- [\*\*Medigap Rates\(Spanish\)\*\*](#) (updated 06/22/17)
- [\*\*Medigap Rates\(French\)\*\*](#) (updated 06/22/17)

## **DMEPOS and Diabetic Suppliers**

- [\*\*DMEPOS Frequently Asked Questions\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Diabetic Mail Order Fact Sheet\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

- [\*\*DMEPOS Supplier Directory\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

## **Access Health CT**

- [\*\*Access Health CT\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Turning 65 while on Access Health\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

## **DSS Information**

- [\*\*ConneCT Website\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*DSS Health Care Programs\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*DSS Problem Cases Referral Sheet\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*DSS Aging Links\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*DSS Renewing Your Benefits\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*FastLink Cover Sheet\*\*](#) (updated 11/15/16)
- [\*\*DSS Forms \(SNAP, Community Medical, Cash Assistance\)\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*2-1-1's EBT Card Replacement Service\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Title 19 Application Verification Checklist\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Provider Directory for Husky or Charter Oak\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*Husky Health Contact List\*\*](#) (reviewed 10/26/16)

## **Long Term Care Information**

- [\*\*LTC Publications\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [\*\*LTC Phone List\*\*](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

## **Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)**

- [\*\*SMP Minute 12/2016 - Who Pays First Medicare or Other Insurance\*\*](#) (added 12/07/16)
- [\*\*SMP Minute 11/2016 - Medigap Insurance\*\*](#) (added 11/23/16)
- [\*\*Balance Billing Protections Cover Most Duals\*\*](#) (reviewed

01/28/16)

- [Scam Alert from State Department on Aging](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Special Committee on Aging Fraud Hotline](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [BBB Joins Fight Against Elderly Abuse](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [How to Protect Seniors from Health Insurance Scams](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

## **General Information**

- [Federal Poverty Level effective March 1, 2017](#) (updated 02/22/17)
- [ShipTalk: Reporting Your Work as a Counselor](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Media Activity Form Pre-fillable form](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Important Telephone Numbers](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Assistive Technology Loan Program](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Guide to Consumer Mailings from CMS and SS](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Programs That Help People](#) by CAHS and CT Light & Power (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [my Social Security \(Manage your benefits\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Social Security Information \(PDF & Audio\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

## **Training Information**

- [Understanding the Veterans Home and Community Based Services, May 2016](#) (updated 05/18/16)
- [Medicare Savings Program, June 2015](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Choices Training October 2015](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [CMS National Training Program](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [CHCPE & New Online Referral Process](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Home & Community Based Services \(HCBS\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

## **Useful Websites and Resources**

- [\*\*Center for Medicare Advocacy\*\*](#)
- [\*\*ConneCT\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Access Health CT\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Medicare\*\*](#)

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