

# 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)
- [2018 Medicare & You](#) (updated 09/27/17)
- [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)
- [2018 Part D Benchmark Plans](#) (reviewed 10/11/17)
- [Part D Prescription Form \(PIF\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Choices Client Name & Contact Information](#) (updated 10/25/17)
- [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 2018 Medicare Plans](#) (updated 11/01/17)
- [Fairfield County 2018 Medicare Advantage Plans](#) (updated 11/01/17)
- [Guide to Choosing a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan](#) (updated 11/01/17)

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](#) (updated 11/22/17)
- [Trouble Shooting Plan Finder Problems - Form](#) (updated 11/22/17)
- [SHIP/Plan Finder Complaint Protocol](#) (added 11/22/17)

## **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 11/29/17)
- [Medigap Rates\(Spanish\)](#) (updated 11/29/17)
- [Medigap Rates\(French\)](#) (updated 11/29/17)

## **DMEPOS and Diabetic Suppliers**

- [Requirements for Initial Orders of Home Health Services and Certain DME.](#) (added 08/09/17)
- [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](#)

- [Social Security](#)



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