

A Kenosha County ADRC Benefit Specialist Newsletter

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### VIRTUAL ZOOM MEDICARE MINUTES

# Medicare Fraud & Abuse

We all must do our part to prevent Medicare fraud and abuse. Medicare fraud costs taxpayers over \$50 billion each year. It drains the Medicare trust fund, and it increases premiums for beneficiaries.

You may get calls from people promising you things if you give them your Medicare number. Don't do it.

Medicare will never contact you for your Medicare number or other personal information unless you have given them permission in advance.

Medicare will never visit you at your home. Medicare will never call you to sell you something.

Don't accept offers of money or gifts for free medical care.

Protect the Medicare program by calling 1-800 Medicare (1-800-633-4227) to report fraud or contact your local Senior Medicare Fraud Patrol at 1-888-818-2611.

## **\*Registration Required.** Call Kenosha County ADRC at 262-605-6646 or 1-800-472-8008 A Zoom link will be e-mailed to you.

#### APRIL

April 29, 2021, 10—11a.m. TOPIC: Medicare Changes of Residence\*

### MAY

May 25, 2021, 1—2 p.m. TOPIC: Medicare Coverage of Care at Home\*

## JUNE

June 24, 2021, 10—11 a.m. TOPIC: Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage Appeals\*

#### COMMUNITY EVENT

June 19, 2021, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Expo●2021: Health & Home Show Kenosha YMCA, Booth 201





## How We May be Able to Assist You

Benefit Specialist J.H. is working with a client who is new to Medicare. The client is eligible for both Medicare Part A and Part B. The Benefit Specialist utilized the Medicare Plan Finder tool on medicare.gov and was able to complete a thorough search using the client's zip code, medications, and preferred pharmacies. The Medicare Plan Finder tool identified a low-cost plan and a Special Needs Plan that were options for the client. All medications were on the plans formulary with zero premium, deductible, and zero co-pay.

While working with the client, Benefit Specialist J.H. found that with the client's income and resources, he should be able to qualify for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), which would help the client pay for the \$148.50 monthly Medicare Part B premium. The Benefit Specialist then contacted the Benefit Enrollment Specialist for assistance applying for the Medicare Savings Program with the client. The Benefit Enrollment Specialist contacted the client and scheduled an appointment to help him apply for the program.

At the ADRC, the benefit specialists have different roles and work as a team to best help clients. We serve all of Kenosha County. Call us! 262-606-6646 or 800-472-8008.





# Meet Mary Swanson, Benefit Enrollment Specialist



My name is Mary Swanson, and I am a Benefit Enrollment Specialist with the Kenosha County Aging & Disability Resource Center.

I graduated from Carthage College in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in social work. In 2018 I completed my graduate studies and received my master's degree in social work from George Williams College.

Over the past few years, I have worked with children and adults with disabilities. In my Benefit Enrollment Specialist position, I will be helping people learn about and apply for programs including: FoodShare, Low Income Subsidy for prescription assistance, Medicare Savings Program to help cover Medicare costs, Medicaid, and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

I am excited to help clients apply for benefits, and I look forward to working with various businesses, groups, and organizations in the area to inform them about our services as well as develop outreach activities.

# Monday – Friday • 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Appointments available

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