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A Kenosha County ADRC Benefit Specialist Newsletter

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Need Help with Medicare Costs?

Many people with Medicare find it difficult to afford all their monthly expenses. If you have limited income and resources, you may qualify for help paying your Medicare related costs.

Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) are federally funded programs administered by each individual state. These programs help pay some, or all, of the Medicare premiums, deductibles, copayments and coinsurance for those who are eligible. There are different MSP levels of assistance, with different income and asset eligibility limits.

You may qualify for a MSP if your monthly income is at or below \$1,449 (\$1,959 for a married couple) (**2021 income limits*) and your assets are under \$7,970 (\$11,960 for a married couple).

If you are enrolled in a MSP, you automatically qualify for Part D Extra Help, a Medicare program that helps people pay for their Medicare prescription drug coverage.

To learn more, or for assistance in determining if you are eligible, contact the Kenosha Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1-262-605-6646 or 1-800-472-8008.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

February 25, 2021, 10—11a.m.

Medicare Minutes: Virtual Zoom Meeting

TOPIC: Medicare Coverage of Behavior Health care

MARCH

March 25, 2021, 10—11a.m.

Medicare Minutes: Virtual Zoom Meeting

TOPIC: Medicare Cost Prescription Program

Registration Required—

Call Kenosha County ADRC at 262-605-6646 or 1-800-472-8008 and a Zoom link will be e-mailed to you, prior to the meeting.

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Successful Connection

Sue moved from Northern Wisconsin to Kenosha county to be near friends and to receive cancer treatment. Her Medicare HMO health plan did not cover Kenosha county, as she was out of network. She needed a new plan that would cover services in Kenosha County, especially for her cancer treatment and medications. She contacted the Kenosha County Aging & Disability Resource Center for assistance. The Benefit Specialist arranged for a Zoom conference call with her to discuss her current situation. Since she had moved out of her HMO network, she qualified for a special enrollment period to get in a new Medicare Advantage plan. Due to the pandemic, the Benefit Specialist reviewed her option in Kenosha County virtually through ZOOM. Together, the Benefit Specialist and Sue, used the medicare.gov tool to enter her medications and review the thirty-one different Medicare Advantage plans within Kenosha County. The Benefit Specialist identified the top three cost effective plans for Sue. After review, Sue selected an in-network plan for her cancer treatment center and all of her prescriptions were covered. The Benefit Specialist then assisted Sue with enrolling online for the Medicare Advantage Plan.



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My name is Joe Hamlett, Medicare



Outreach Specialist, with Kenosha County Aging & Disability Resource Center . I have been part of the Benefit Specialist

team at the ADRC for 5 years. I have over 45 years of experience assisting people with disabilities. I served as liaison to the Illinois Areas on Aging and was a board member for the Illinois Center for Independent Living. I am a senior and a Medicare beneficiary. My passion is to make connections with all the Medicare beneficiaries in Kenosha County. I want to work with our local communities to improve the lives of Medicare beneficiaries.

While visiting Kenosha County Senior sites and senior dining programs I get to hang out with seniors, and answer Medicare questions and provide hands on assistance within the community.

I hope to hear from you, or meet you in the community.

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

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