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Local Nonprofit Sponsors Medicare Check up Day

When the leaves turn red, orange and yellow, people 65 and over receive lots of mail and phone calls from insurance companies vying for their business. This information can be very confusing and the callers are very convincing. That's why seniors should come to The 741 Center on Tuesday, November 29 for the Medicare Checkup Event.

All Medicare recipients are invited. WCCS staff and experts from the Ohio Department of Insurance, Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) will assist seniors with reviewing their current insurance selections. "It is very important to review your Medicare insurance annually to assure you are signed up for the best coverage at the best price. Plans change every year and companies add and drop coverage so you cannot assume it all stays the same," states Karen Hill, WCCS Aging Services Director. The Ohio Department of Insurance will offer a presentation on Medicare and some of the Medicare changes at 10 a.m. on November 29. Following the presentation, staff will be available for individual appointments to answer questions and review your current insurance selections. Attendees are encouraged to bring a list of current prescription

drugs, dosages and preferred pharmacy, as well as any information on pension, VA or other medical care benefits being received. All information remains confidential.

Even if you don't want to consider changing plans this is great opportunity to get questions answered. "It is very difficult for the typical Medicare recipient to understand Medicare and all the options available. We can help sort out those options and answer your questions. We do not sell insurance so we have no vested interest in the plans you decide on." states Hill.

Please call Karen at 513-695-2288 or 937-425-2288 to schedule an appointment for an individual session for the November 29 Medicare Check-Up event.

This year, the Medicare Annual Coordinated Election Period is October 15 through December 7. This means that seniors who are on Medicare can elect to change their current coverage for Medicare insurance and Medicare D, prescription drug coverage. During the coordinated election period, people on Medicare can select one of several coverage options: Original Medicare for their health coverage needs paired with a stand-alone Part D prescription drug plan; a Medicare Advantage Plan, which provides comprehensive health benefits including drug coverage; or determine if their existing coverage already meets their health insurance needs.

For a complete listing of available Part D and Medicare Advantage plans, you can also visit www.medicare.gov.

About WCCS

WCCS is a nonprofit organization strengthening the fabric of the community. Helping older adults remain active and independent, WCCS provides services such as Meals on

Wheels, Senior Dining Sites, Senior Transportation, RSVP, The 741 Center and offers assistance with Medicare, and other unique issues. Programs are funded by the Council on Aging (COA) of Southwestern Ohio, Warren County United Way, and generous donations from individuals, businesses, and the community. For more information on any of these programs, call 513-695-2288 or visit our website at www.wccsi.org.