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Press Release

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Open enrollment for Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans will be held from October 15 through December 7, 2020. The Reno County Department of Aging will once again partner with trained SHICK volunteers from the Reno County Volunteer Center to offer counseling and assistance for Reno County residents over age 60 who need help enrolling or reviewing their drug coverage. SHICK is the acronym for the Senior Health Insurance Counselors in Kansas program conducted through the Kansas Department of Aging.

Due to COVID-19, the counseling and enrollment assistance will be different from previous years. There will be no personal appointments however, counseling will be done over the phone. Those interested in assistance can submit a completed Medicare Part D Worksheet and copy of their Prescription Drug list to the Department of Aging anytime up until November 30, 2020.

The Medicare Part D Worksheets are available for pickup at the Department of Aging located at 120 West Avenue B in Hutchinson or will be mailed upon request. The prescription drug list may be obtained from the pharmacy, the physician's office or be handwritten, but must be legible.

The completed Medicare Part D worksheet and drug list should be submitted in a sealed envelope and placed in the Red Medicare Drop Box located inside the door of the Reno County Department of Aging. Those who live out of town may mail their documents to the Reno County Department of Aging.

Volunteer SHICK counselors will enter the worksheet and drug list information in the Medicare.gov site. This will generate a list of Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans in ranking order based on cost and coverage. A volunteer will call and discuss the plans with the Medicare recipient. The volunteer will provide unbiased and impartial information that will enable the Medicare recipient to make an informed decision about their drug plan coverage for 2021. If the person decides to change plans, the volunteer will complete the enrollment process for them. The deadline for the Reno County Department of Aging to receive the Medicare Part D worksheet and prescription drug list is November 30. For further information please call the Reno County Department of Aging at 620-694-2911.