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Medicare Part D open enrollment counseling assistance available through Macomb Community Action

The Macomb Community Action Office of Senior Services is offering counseling appointments for Macomb County seniors that need assistance with their Medicare Part D enrollment.

Medicare open enrollment for 2017 begins on Monday, October 16 and extends through Thursday, December 7. Trained counselors will be available to help seniors navigate the different options being offered and help them register for a plan of their choice that best fits their needs.

Appointments will be available from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning October 16. Participants should bring their Medicare card and a list of their medications, including dosage and frequency to their appointment. Appointments will be held in four locations:

Macomb County Family Resource Center
196 N. Rose Street, Mount Clemens

Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe
18185 Sycamore Street, Roseville

New Haven Schools-Administration Building
30375 Clark Street (Door 19), New Haven

Max Thompson Family Resource Center
11370 Hupp Avenue, Warren

In 2016, there were 145 Medicare plans available in Michigan, giving participants several options to select from. Seniors should remember that even if an individual has been enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan previously, that plan may not remain the most cost effective choice due to changes made in premiums, prescription copays and deductibles every year. In addition, some plans may have been eliminated and new plans may appear.

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“Last year, Macomb Community Action assisted 759 older adults with their Medicare open enrollment and saved them over \$385,000.” Shared Kristie King, division director of Senior Services with Macomb Community Action. “These cost savings are very impactful for seniors who often have limited incomes.”

Macomb County seniors who are 60 years and older are eligible for this free program. To schedule an appointment, contact Macomb Community Action Office of Senior Services at (586) 469-5228.

Macomb Community Action is one of the state’s largest Community Action Agencies and exists to leverage federal and state resources to address local causes and symptoms of poverty. The agency is uniquely attached to Macomb County government and collaborates with several partner organizations to provide programs that create sustainable pathways to independence which now includes Financial Empowerment. The mission of Macomb Community Action is: Persistent action to diminish poverty and promote independence. For more information visit <http://mca.macombgov.org>

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