

SHIP

State Health Insurance Program Bergen County Department of Human Services Division of Senior Services Bergen County Administration Building One Bergen County Plaza, 2nd Floor Hackensack, NJ 07601-7076 (201) 336-7413

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State Health Insurance Assistance Program Navigating Medicare **SHIP** volunteers can direct you to the proper party on such subjects as:

Bergen County ADRC Medicaid Managed Care Organizations Social Security NJ State PAAD and Senior Gold

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Alternate locations by appointment: for Oakland residents: Borough of Oakland Senior Center 20 Lawlor Drive Oakland 201-405-7731

> for Mahwah residents: Senior Adult Center 475 Corporate Drive Mahwah 201-529-5757, ext. 1

Medicare Benefits include:

"Welcome to Medicare" visit, alcohol misuse screening & counseling, mammograms, behavioral therapy for obesity and cardiovascular disease, screenings for HIV, depression, abdominal aortic aneurysm, sexually transmitted infections (STI) and more STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM SHIP

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A counseling program for <u>Medicare enrollees</u> administered by the State Health Insurance Program SHIP

a statewide program administered by the New Jersey Department of Human Services with financial assistance through a grant from the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL)

Division of Senior Services

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Our counselors will help you

- Understand your benefits.
- Compare Plans & Policies
- Untangle claims problems

Some of the most frequently asked questions—

- What doesn't Medicare cover?
- What is patient responsibility?
- What is the difference between a Medigap supplemental policy and an HMO?
- Can I switch from Medicare to an HMO and vice versa?
- What is long-term care coverage in nursing homes?
- What is the best prescription drug plan for my needs

SHIP counselors are volunteers who have been trained by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Senior Affairs. They can help you answer questions like those shown and will also assist you in contacting insurance companies, resolving claim payment problems and filing complaints. They do not provide legal advice and do not sell, recommend or endorse any specific insurance product, agent or insurance company.

SHIP volunteers have direct access to knowledgeable insurance experts from both State and Federal governments who can answer the really tough questions. Although some client problems can be resolved easily over the phone, SHIP counselors are available to meet with you face to face. To get the most benefit from your counselor, please follow these steps:

- 1. Bring your insurance cards.
- 2. To discuss claim payment problems, bring any benefits forms you have received in the mail.
- 3. To discuss coverage, bring actual policies or outlines of policies you are considering or have questions about.
- 4. To compare Rx drug plans, provide a list of your medications.
- 5. Call ahead for an appointment.

To request additional information, please check all those that apply and mail this portion or call (201) 336-7413 to speak with a volunteer SHIP counselor.

- □ Information on Medicare Coverage
- □ Supplemental Insurance Coverage
- □ Advantage Plans/HMOs
- □ Long Term Care Policies
- □ Claim Information
- □ Appeals Process
- □ Speaker Information
- □ Information on becoming a SHIP Volunteer
- □ Rx Plan Information

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