

What is Medicare?

- A federal health insurance program for:
 - People age 65 years or older
 - People under age 65 who have
 - ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease)
 - ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
 - Received Social Security Disability Insurance benefits for 24 months
- You must have been a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant for at least five years

What is PA MEDI?

- Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight, PA MEDI is Pennsylvania's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).
- Services provided by nearly 52 Area Agencies on Aging
- Supported by nearly 600 volunteer counselors statewide

How can a PA MEDI Counselor help beneficiaries?

- Provide free, unbiased, confidential Medicare information
- Counsel people about Medicare health and drug coverage options
- Explain the different parts of Medicare: Part A (Hospital Insurance), Part B (Medical Insurance), Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans) and Part D (Drug Coverage Plans)
- Explain Medicare Supplement Plans (Medigap)
- Help find the best coverage for you, by comparing plan options
- Review eligibility for programs that help to pay for Medicare premiums, deductibles, copayments and drugs

Group Presentations:

Chester County PA MEDI offers FREE educational seminars to groups.

Medicare 101 Presentation

- Medicare Parts A, B, C and D
- Medicare enrollment deadlines/penalties
- Medigap vs. Medicare Advantage
- Medicare Plan Finder
- Cost Savings Programs

Medicare 102 Presentation

- Review current Medicare benefits
- Introduce new Medicare benefits and improvements
- Fraud prevention tips
- Protecting your Medicare information
- Help for low-income individuals

Medicare Update Presentation

- Recent developments affecting you and your Medicare
- Changes you can make during the Annual Open Enrollment Period (Oct. 15-Dec. 7)
- Medicare preventive care
- Help for low-income individuals

There will be time for Q&A after each presentation. Presentations are for people new to Medicare and for those already enrolled.

Presentations are at various locations. For a calendar and information on how to sign up, visit our website at <https://www.chesco.org/477/PA-Medicare-Education>

Individual Counseling:

PA MEDI has state-certified Medicare counselors who can work directly with you on Medicare related problems or opportunities. Counseling can be done on the phone or at a PA MEDI Counseling Center. Counselors can assist you in:

- Understanding and making Medicare choices
- Finding the best coverage for your needs
- Doing comparison shopping of plans
- Working through a denied claim/service
- Determining if you qualify for financial assistance

How to contact PA MEDI in Chester County:

- Call our Helpline 610-344-5004 option 2
- Email smilam@chesco.org
- Please see the back for a list of counseling centers



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PA Medi is a free health insurance counseling program to help Medicare beneficiaries in Pennsylvania with health insurance concerns. PA MEDI is part of the federal program, State Health Insurance Assistance Programs, SHIP.

PA MEDI counselors are specially trained volunteers who can answer your questions about Medicare and provide you with objective, easy-to-understand information about health insurance.

PA MEDI services are free, and all information is kept completely confidential.

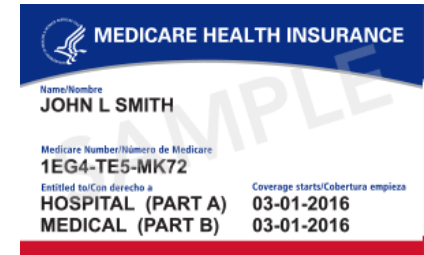
The PA MEDI program in Chester County is conducted under the auspices of the Chester County Department of Aging Services.



PA MEDI Counseling Centers in Chester County

Brandywine Valley Active Aging	
Coatesville	610-383-6900
Downingtown	610-269-3939
Church of the Good Samaritan	
Paoli	610-344-6035
East Goshen Township	610-344-6035
Government Services Center	610-344-6035
Kennett Area Senior Center	610-444-4819
Oxford Senior Center	610-932-5244
Phoenixville Senior Center	610-935-1515
Surrey Services for Seniors	
Devon	610-647-6404
West Chester Senior Center	610-431-4242
Helpline	610-344-5004 - Option 2 smilam@chesco.org

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