



TOWN OF ESTES PARK

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Resources for Medicare counseling and assistance

Medicare and Prescription Drug Plan counseling, Medicare 2015 Overview and Medicare Savings Program among fall offerings

The Town of Estes Park's Senior Services Division and the Aspen Club of the University of Colorado Health collaborate each year to bring a wide variety of Medicare counseling options to Estes Park at the Estes Park Senior Center, 220 Fourth Street. All presentations and counseling sessions are conducted onsite at the Senior Center by trained State Health Insurance Program Counselors from the Aspen Club. Senior Services is also working with the Larimer County Office on Aging to host a free program about the Medicare Savings Program which is described below.

The first option is a free program called, *Medicare Overview 2015*, presented by Kim Ferro, Aspen Club Specialist on Tuesday, October 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. No registration is needed; just drop in. This is a large group session for those new to Medicare, those assisting others with Medicare, those who would like a refresher and overall update on Medicare and the Prescription Drug Plan. Every year brings changes and new options to Medicare. It's important to understand what choices are available so you can make informed decisions that best fit your situation when it comes to Medicare. This presentation will prepare you by providing an overview of changes to plans and to Medicare in general.

The next option is general Medicare counseling which is available via individual 45-minute appointments on Wednesdays, October 22 and November 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be no Medicare counseling in December. General counseling will resume January 28, 2015, the fourth Wednesday. Drop by or call the Senior Center to schedule your appointment. These 45-minute appointments are useful for those new to Medicare, those with questions or problems with coverage or anyone needing good information on Medicare services and plans.

The third option for assistance are the individual 30-minute Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) review appointments on Thursdays, October 23 and November 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During these appointments you may review your current prescription drug plans with a trained Medicare counselor. If you are happy with your current coverage, no changes are needed. There is a PDP worksheet to fill out prior to your appointment. Drop by or call the Senior Center to schedule your free individual appointment or to obtain the worksheet.

Another option for those seeking assistance with premiums and co-pays would be to learn more about the Medicare Savings Program at a free program on Tuesday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. The Larimer County Office on Aging's Aging and Disability Resources (ADRC) staff will talk about the Medicare Savings Program and the Low Income Subsidy application which may provide help with Part B premiums and copays for medications. Both programs are offered by the State of Colorado's Medicaid program.

For more information on the Aspen Club, please visit their website at www.pvhs.org or call (970) 495-8560 in Fort Collins or (970) 624-1860 in Loveland. For more information about the Larimer County Office on Aging, please visit their website at www.larimer.org/seniors/ or call (970) 498-7750 in Fort Collins.

For more information, please contact the Town of Estes Park's Senior Services Division at (970) 586-2996 or visit the Senior Center at 220 Fourth Street, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or visit the website at www.estes.org/seniorcenter. To receive Senior Services news in your e-mail inbox, please e-mail lmitchell@estes.org.

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