Open enrollment is the annual period when you can enroll, review or make changes to your Medicare, including your prescription drug plan. Open enrollment takes place every year from October 15 to December 7. During this time, make sure you review your coverage to ensure your plan still works for you.

WHEN CHOOSING A PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN, YOU SHOULD:

- **Make a list:** Talk to your doctor about your current prescriptions and any expected changes. Make a list of all your expected medicines for next year.
- **Check coverage:** Use Medicare’s Plan Finder to make sure the medicines you need are covered by the plan you select.
- **Location, location, location:** Make sure your preferred pharmacy is in your plan’s network.
- **Know your costs:** Review the premiums, copays and deductibles of each plan to help keep your out-of-pocket costs low. The Plan Finder can help you find the best plan for you.
- **What are others saying?** Review plan ratings to see how your fellow seniors rate them on customer service, patient safety and other areas.

TO SIGN-UP OR CHANGE YOUR PLAN, CALL 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) OR VISIT WWW.MEDICARE.GOV

Check out the newly upgraded plan finder tool at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan

For local assistance, find your state SHIP at www.shiptacenter.org

For more information on Medicare, Medicare Part D enrollment and how to choose a Part D plan, visit www.medicaretoday.org and www.seniorsspeakout.org