

SENIOR HEALTH CARE UPDATE



Seniors receive health insurance benefits from Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, individual coverage, Veteran's affairs or employer coverage. This complicates the delivery of important information that people need to make the best, most cost-effective choice. Here are some pointers to look for now and into 2019 to help your residents make the right decisions for themselves and their families.



MEDICAID

The PA Department of Human Services enrolls individuals into this program. Individuals can enroll anytime. Options include: online using the COMPASS application, call 1-866-550-4355, apply in person at the local county assistance office or download a paper application.

Individuals on Medicaid and Medicare are "dual eligible." They will now receive their Medicaid benefits through a new program called Community Health Choices. Community Health Choices was rolled out January, 2018 in the 14 counties of Southwestern PA. Philadelphia and surrounding counties adopted the program January, 2019 and the rest of the state will be effective in January, 2020.



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NEW! 2019
Open Enrollment Period



All Pennsylvanian's who are 65+ are eligible for Medicare

MEDICARE

Medicare is for seniors 65+ and for individuals after 24 months of social security disability or diagnosis with End Stage Renal Disease or ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease. The Annual Enrollment Period is October 15 – December 7. New in 2019: an Open Enrollment Period from January 1–March 31 will allow beneficiaries on Medicare Advantage plans to make a plan change.

PACE/PACENET

This program is managed by the PA Department of Aging and is funded by the PA lottery. The income limits for this program were recently increased! All Pennsylvanian's who are 65+ are eligible if their incomes are less than \$35,500/year for married couples and \$27,500/year for singles.