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## **Open Enrollment for 2025 Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans**

Open Enrollment for 2025 Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans is October 15 through December 7. This is an annual opportunity for Medicare Beneficiaries to compare Part D plans for drug coverage and pricing. There are two different ways Medicare Beneficiaries can review their options.

One way for Medicare Beneficiaries to review their prescription drug plan is online. During Open Enrollment, you can go to www.medicare.gov, log in to your account, enter your prescriptions, compare the drug plans, and select the best option.

Another way to review your prescription drug plan is to meet with a Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) Counselor. There is no cost to meet with a SHICK Counselor to review your Part D plan options. SHICK Counselors are available to meet with Medicare Beneficiaries at the four different River Valley Extension District offices during Open Enrollment (October 15 – December 7).

Contact your local River Valley Extension District Office to schedule an Open Enrollment Part D appointment with a SHICK Counselor today. Our offices are in Belleville (785-527-5084), Clay Center (785-632-5335), Concordia (785-243-8185), and Washington (785-325-2121).

The River Valley Extension District would like to thank our SHICK Counselors who will be counseling Medicare Beneficiaries with Part D. They serve in each of the four counties of our district and are very dedicated to sharing their expertise and time! If you have questions about Open Enrollment or Medicare in general you can contact me, Jordan Schuette, Adult Development and Aging Agent in the Washington Office at 785-325-2121 or Monica Thayer, Family Resource Management Agent in the Belleville Office at 785-527-5084.

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