Finding the Right Coverage Plan Is Vitally Important for Beneficiaries

Now more than ever, it’s crucial to ensure your Medicare coverage fits your needs and provides access to high-value care. Access to prescription drugs is an important piece of proper health coverage and many beneficiaries rely on Medicare Part D plans for their medications.

Each year Medicare Today conducts a nationwide survey to find out how seniors feel about their Part D coverage. This year’s Senior Satisfaction Survey found that:

- 92% of seniors are satisfied with Medicare Part D coverage plan
- 87% of seniors think their prescription drug plan is a good value
- 91% of seniors would recommend Part D to a friend or family member

Beneficiaries can ensure they have a Part D plan that works for them during Open Enrollment – 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.

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.
- **Determine eligibility for Extra Help:** Extra help is a program within Medicare that assists individuals with the cost of their Part D prescription drug plan. To find out if you qualify or to apply for Extra Help, you must complete Social Security’s Application online at www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp or 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778)

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

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