

South Central Tennessee Area Agency on Aging & Disability

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State Health Insurance Assistance Program SHIP – SHAPE Q&A

Medicare Highlights

When will I receive my New Medicare Card

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) started mailing out new Medicare cards in April 2018. It will be a while before people here in Tennessee start receiving their new cards.....possibly not until July 2018. Please understand that mailing everyone a new card will take some time. Your card might arrive at a different time than your friend's or neighbor's. [Their goal is to have everyone's new cards to them by **April 2019**.]

Mean while....the scammers are already trying to trick people in Tennessee by using your new Medicare cards as bait. In one **scam** someone calls you claiming to be from Medicare. They say that they need to verify your current Medicare card number before they can send you your new card. Don't fall for it. Medicare already has your number....they will never call you to verify it.

In another **scam** ...you receive a call from someone claiming to need money \$ from you before your new Medicare card can be mailed. Don't send them any money. You will receive your new Medicare card for **free.** It will be mailed to the address you currently have on file with Social Security and Medicare. [So if you moved but have not updated your address....it is time to get that done.]

The Senior Medicare Patrol [SMP] would like to know if you are targeted by any of these scammers.

Call your local SHIP/SMP office or call the toll free **Tennessee SMP number at 1-866-836-7677** to report the situation.

My neighbor who is forty-seven just received a Medicare card in the mail.....how is that possible.

We normally think of Medicare as health insurance for those 65 and older. However some people under 65 years old do have Medicare. Those who have received their Social Security disability benefits are usually eligible for Medicare their 25th month of disability.

The SHIP/SMP office is happy to work with people of any age who has questions about Medicare.

Medicare Wellness/Preventive Services:

A preventive service is the care you receive to prevent illness, detect medical conditions, and keep you healthy. Medicare Part B covers many preventive services with no cost-sharing, as long as you meet eligibility requirements and follow the guidelines. For many of the covered preventive services, you have to meet coverage rules based on your age, gender, or certain risk factors. Your health care provider should be able to tell you if you are eligible.

Did you know that Medicare covers......

Alcohol Misuse Screening & Counseling — Screening: Once per year. Counseling: 4 Times per year for those who screen positive.

Bone Mass Measurement – Every 2 years if at risk. More frequently if high risk

Diabetes Screening – One screening per year if not diagnosed pre-diabetic. Twice per year if diagnosed pre-diabetic.

Mammogram - Once for those aged 35-39. Annually for those 40 and older.

Please contact the SHIP/SMP office with your Medicare questions. Toll-Free 1-877-801-0044 Or locally at 931-379-2927



Public Service Announcements:

Do you need help with your Medicare costs?

The SHIP/SMP office has our new 2018 "Do you qualify for "extra help" with the cost of your Medicare? Brochures. The Income and Resources limits change a little bit each year.

If you would like screened for Extra Help or if you would like to have a brochure mailed to you, please give the local SHIP/SMP office a call.

Those who have assistance with Medicare cost [QMB, SLMB, QI1] are receiving renewal packages by mail. These are large packages from the State of Tennessee TennCare office. If you do not complete your packet and return it by the date requested you will lose your help! Please call us if you need assistance in this process.

The SHIP-SHAPE column is sponsored the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) & the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP). The column is designed to provide information to help Medicare beneficiaries understand, access, and protect their Medicare benefits.

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SHIP is a part of the Area Agency on Aging & Disability. Please send questions & brochure requests to the local SHIP/SMP office at scraig@sctdd.org or call 931-379-2927.

TTY users can dial 7-1-1 for assistance in reaching the SHIP/SMP office. SHIP/SMP office has access to a language interpreting service if needed.





Volunteer Appreciation Week April 15-21, 2018

Without the help and dedication of our South Central TN AAAD volunteers, we could not reach and assist as many older adults and adults with disabilities in our communities across our 13 counties! Our volunteers put in hundreds of hours each year to help others, giving of their personal time and efforts. In addition to the AAAD's Public Guardian volunteers, SHIP volunteers, and Volunteer Ombudsman Representatives, the other contracted services, Nutrition and Senior Centers, are also always in need of volunteers to help meet the needs of our elderly and adults with disabilities in our local communities. For more information on how you can become a part of this special group of volunteers, contact us at 931-379-2940.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." - Sherry Anderson

AWARDS

South Central AAAD was honored by Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability!



Outstanding TN SHIP Program
Performance MAT met in 4 of 5
Performance Measures



Outstanding TN SHIP Volunteer Program Performance in the Area of Volunteer Outreach Hours





Annual SCTDD Golf Classic

Henry Horton Golf Course, Chapel Hill, TN Friday, June 8, 2018

All proceeds benefit the SCTDD Personal Emergency
Assistance Program for Elderly & Disabled Adults

7:00 am – Registration & Continental Breakfast Sponsored by **McDonald's of Maury County**

8:00 am - Shotgun Start

12:30-2:00 pm - Lunch Sponsored by Marshall Farmers CO-OP Tire Center Golf Awards & Door Prizes

\$10,000 Cash Hole-In-One Contest Sponsored by **First Farmers**

\$5,000 Putting Contest Sponsored by **Brindley Construction**

Beverages Sponsored by HFR Design

- 4-Person Scramble
- Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in all Flights
- > Cash Prizes for :
 - Closest to Pin on All Par 3's
 - o Longest Drive for Men & Women
 - Longest Putt Made
- Goody Bags for all Golfers
- Chance to Win Door Prizes
- Fun Packs for \$20, includes Mulligans, Red Tee & Entry to Qualify for \$5,000 Putt Contest
- ➤ Hole Sponsorships \$150
- Registration \$75/golfer or \$300/team
- Free Range Balls from 7-8am
- ➤ LIMITED TO FIRST 36 PAID TEAMS!!

SCTDD's Personal Emergency Assistance Program assists low-income elderly and adults with disabilities in the 13-county south central Tennessee area with needs that involve their health, safety, and/or well being, such as dental and vision care, transportation, food/household needs, wheelchair ramps, heaters, air conditioners, medical equipment and supplies, prescription medication, and much more. This golf event is the ONLY fundraiser for the SCTDD Personal Emergency Assistance Program. Help us help others by supporting this great event!

THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR SPONSORS















REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR SPONSORS & TEAMS – MAY 25th
LIMITED TO FIRST 36 PAID TEAMS

For more information, contact Robin Rochelle at SCTDD (931) 797-2066 or rrochelle@sctdd.org



Annual SCTDD Golf Classic

June 8, 2018 – 8am Shotgun Start Henry Horton State Park Golf Course, Chapel Hill



REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAME FOR CART:		
CONTACT PERSON:	PHONE:	
ADDRESS:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		
PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS Sponsor		
\$150 - Hole Sponsors receive name on color sign \$300 - 4-Person Golf Team Registration; \$75 - \$ 20 - Fun Packs include Mulligans, Red Tee & \$5	Individual Golfer's Registration	
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:		
	Team & 4 Fun Packs - \$530	
Hole Sponsor & 4-Person Team - \$450		
4-Person Team & 4 Fun Packs - \$380		
4-Person Team - \$300		
Hole Sponsor - \$150		
Individual Golfer - \$75		
I am playing with Team Name:		
Put me on a team (Based on availability; ca		
	for a Door Prize. Value \$	
I will donate 144	as Goody Bag items. Value \$	
My Team Members are:		
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: SCTDD		

RETURN REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO:

SCTDD, Attn: Robin Rochelle

101 Sam Watkins Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474 rrochelle@sctdd.org Phone: 931-797-2066

Fax: 931-379-2685

Sponsor & Team Registration Deadline May 25, 2018

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National Family Caregiver Support Program PARTNERS IN CAREGIVING

The following providers allow a 10% discount on services and goods provided by the NFCSP:

In-home Service Providers:

Aid & Assist at Home, LLC	888-721-7380
A Plus Staffing, Inc.	877-933-7823
Caring Hearts Home Health Care, LLC	855-245-0870
Home Instead Senior Care - Franklin	931-388-6100
Home Instead Senior Care - Tullahoma	931- 454-2022
Senior Moments Healthcare	844-670-1081
South Central Human Resource Agency	800-221-2642

Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS):

Guardian Angel Healthcare Services	931-703-5537
Lifeline Systems, Inc.	800-368-2925
Valued Relationships, Inc. (VRI)	800-860-4230

The following providers maintain an inventory of donated durable medical equipment:

Medical Equipment Recycling Program

Bedford County Senior Center	Coffee County Senior Center	
Giles County Senior Center	Hickman County Senior Center	
Lewis County Senior Center	Lincoln County Senior Center	
Marshall County Senior Center	Maury County Senior Center	
Moore County Senior Center	Perry County Senior Center	
Wayne County Senior Center		

The following providers are licensed to provide professional counseling.

Caregiver Counseling

Family Counseling Center	(Bedford, Coffee, Franklin & Moore counties)	931-723-0380
LifeCare Family Services	(Giles, Lawrence & Maury counties)	1-877-881-0359
Betty M. Lane, M.S.	(located in Fayetteville in Lincoln County)	931-433-2929



South Central Tennessee Development District is now offering assistance with "SNAP", formerly referred to as the Food Stamp Program. If you know someone 60+ or receiving disability, they may qualify for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). They will qualify by deducting medical expenses from their income and also excess shelter costs. The USDA created SNAP to provide eligible individuals with monthly benefits to buy food. No need to sit in a DHS office for hours, they can now contact the SCTDD SNAP Coordinator, Bonnie Walker by calling 931-379-2955.

ABC's & D's of Medicare Class

New to Medicare – this is the class for you.





3rd Wednesday of each month

Jan-Nov 2018

9am-Noon

Preregistration is required by calling 931-379-2927 or toll free 1-877-801-0044

Class held at the South Central TN Dev District Office

Thank you to everyone who attended the 15th Annual Adult Abuse Coalition Conference!















May 1 Adult Abuse Coalition Conference

May 25 Deadline to Register for Golf Classic

June 8 SCTDD Annual Golf Classic

September 25 - 26 Ombudsman Volunteer Training

State Ombudsman, Lauren Meeker will conduct a 2-day Ombudsman Volunteer training at SCTDD. Lauren will cover topics such as the history of the Ombudsman Program, Resident Rights, How To Advocate for Residents in Long Term Care, and more! More information will be given in future newsletters.