

SHICK counseling is free, unbiased, confidential, and available to anyone with questions about Medicare.

Trained counselors are available statewide to assist with:

- Medicare questions
- Medicare claims and appeals
- Medicare fraud
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plans
- Medicare Advantage plans
- Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap)
- Employer Group Plans as supplement insurance
- Medicaid
- Other health insurance options
- Long-Term Care options
- Medicare Savings Programs
- Extra Help with prescription drugs

To find a **SHICK** counselor in your area and to schedule a free, confidential counseling session with a trained, unbiased counselor in your area **call 1-800-860-5260.**



This brochure is not a legal document. The official Medicare program provisions are contained in the relevant laws, regulations and rulings. The SHICK Program is funded by a grant from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Washington, D.C.



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1-800-432-3535 (voice); 1-800-766-3777(TTY).

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Mission

People with Medicare often have questions about health insurance, but all too frequently they have limited resources to obtain objective information.

To help with these needs, Congress created State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs). There is a SHIP in every state as well as in Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) is the SHIP for Kansas, administered through the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services.

Counselors

SHICK counselors receive training on all aspects of Medicare, long-term care insurance and other health insurance topics that concern Kansans. Counselors are available to meet with consumers for personalized counseling sessions, to help with problems and questions, and to provide support during the decision-making process. SHICK counselors will not recommend policies, companies, or agents, but will provide free, unbiased answers to the questions of consumers, their family members, and other caregivers.

The goal of our counselors is to educate and assist the public in making informed decisions about their health care options.

Outreach

An important role of the SHICK program is to provide outreach and education to people with Medicare and others regarding health insurance options, benefits, and choices. SHICK counselors and staff are available on the local, regional, and statewide level. Counselors participate in a variety of outreach activities, including media awareness, public presentations, and enrollment events.

SHICK Local Sponsoring Agencies

Wyandotte/Leavenworth County Area Agency on Aging

1300 North 78th Street, Ste #100, Kansas City

Sedgwick County Extension & SHICK Call Center

7001 W. 21st North, Wichita

Harvey County Extension

Courthouse, Box 583, Newton

Central Plains Area Agency on Aging

2622 W. Central Ste 500, Wichita

Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging

510 West 29th, Ste B, P O Box 610, Hays

Douglas County Senior Services

745 Vermont, Lawrence

Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging

2910 SW Topeka Boulevard, Topeka

Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging

1 West Ash, P. O. Box J, Chanute

Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging

236 San Jose Dr., P. O. Box 1636, Dodge City

East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging

117 South Main, Ottawa

North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging

401 Houston, Manhattan

Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging

526 Oregon, Hiawatha

South Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging

P. O. Box 1122, 304 S Summit, Arkansas City

Johnson County Area Agency on Aging

11811 S Sunset, Ste 1300, Olathe

Questions about Medicare?

Call **1-800-860-5260**...a SHICK Counselor will be happy to help

http://www.kdads.ks.gov/SHICK/shick_index.html