



**What is the PA Medicare Education and Decision Insight Program (PA MEDI)
at Diakon Community Services?**

Diakon Community Services manages several programs throughout Schuylkill County for the 50+ population. Programs such as Meals on Wheels, Living and Learning, Health and Wellness, and five senior centers throughout the county are a part of Diakon's broad array of services provided to the community.

The PA MEDI Program is a program funded by the Department of Aging, contracted by the Office of Senior Services, and managed by Diakon to provide unbiased guidance and assistance to the Medicare beneficiaries of Schuylkill County.

Our main focus is to educate and advocate for people who do not understand their Medicare.

We are not affiliated with the government systems who provide Medicare.

We do not sell insurance nor are we licensed brokers.

We simply offer a no cost solution to beneficiaries who have Medicare concerns based on specific training we received by the Department of Aging.

Although our program has some paid staff, its successes rest solely on the shoulders of our committed volunteers who work tirelessly to assist people through their Medicare needs.

At an appointment with one of our Medicare counselors, our one mission is to simplify Medicare.

What we can accomplish at an appointment:

- Explain Medicare and your options.
- Explain your Medicaid coverage.
- Provide current income/ resource limits and assist you in applying for any income-based programs that can help you afford your Medicare.
- Give you guidance on how to apply for Medicare Part A and Part B.
- Show you options when choosing a Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) or a Medicare Advantage Plan
- Show you cost comparisons of Medigap plans in your area.
- Enroll, switch, and disenroll you from your Part D or Advantage Plan.
- Help you understand your Medicare plan details fully.
- Assist you through Medicare billing issues or concerns.
- Assist you through a Medicare appeals process.

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What we cannot accomplish at an appointment:

- Enroll you into Medicare. You can only enroll into Medicare Part A and Part B through the Social Security Administration. We can assist you in giving you applications to fill out for Part B. We can fax over the filled out application and even drop off the application at the local Social Security office, however the enrollment can only be accomplished by calling the SS office or online at the SSA.gov website.
- Enroll you into a Medigap plan. We can assist you through the enrollment process by calling the insurance company you want to sign up with, however since we are not licensed brokers we cannot directly enroll you into the plan.
- We cannot determine your eligibility status with Medicaid. We can assist you in filling out the applications and submitting them to our local county assistance office, however the ultimate determination comes directly from them.
- We cannot provide you with any non-Medicare health insurance counsel.
- We cannot provide you any dental or vision supplemental insurance.

Where do we provide Medicare counseling?

- Our primary location is : 118 S. Centre St., Pottsville
- Frackville Library - Frackville
- Faith Worship Center – Orwigsburg

All counseling sessions are by **appointment ONLY**.

What is a New to Medicare Session?

New to Medicare Sessions are designed to go over all the ins and outs of Medicare, answer any questions you might have, and provide information about income related programs you might not be aware of.

There are several sessions across the county and registration is required.



If you are interested in making an appointment, registering for a New to Medicare Session or simply have general questions, please call Dana Oravitz (Medicare Coordinator) at 570-624-3026 / email: oravitzd@diakon.org .

New To Medicare?

*The PA MEDI program is offering
New-To-Medicare sessions ...*

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Medicare Education and Decision Insight

Beginning Medicare can be very stressful and confusing especially when you are getting information from many sources - mailings, emails and phone calls are just a few. Our primary goal with the "Medicare 101" session is to remove the confusion and ease your stress.

During the sessions, trained counselors will discuss topics such as:

- How and when to notify Social Security about beginning Medicare
- The difference between Parts A, B, C and D of Medicare
- The difference between Medigap & Medicare Advantage plans
- How to select a Medicare Drug plan

These sessions will be helpful even if you have Medicare, but do not understand how it works or what parts of it you can change!

Times: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

April 25 Meadowbrook Center – Schuylkill Haven

May 24 Mahanoy Senior Center – Mahanoy City

June 28 Pottsville Senior Center - Pottsville

July 26 Tremont Senior Center - Tremont

August 30 Calvary Chapel Evangelical Free Church – Valley View

Because space is limited, people are asked to register by calling (570) 624-3026 or emailing Dana Oravitz at OravitzD@diakon.org.



Diakon Community Services manages the PA MEDI program under a contract with the Schuylkill County Office of Senior Service with funding from the state Department of Aging.