

Medicare open enrollment assistance available

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Medicare’s fall open enrollment period is the time for Mississippians to review plan options and make any changes to Medicare coverage. This year’s open enrollment is October 15 through December 7. Changes made during this time will take effect on January 1, 2023.

During open enrollment, participants can adjust Medicare health or drug coverage to change from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan or vice versa, switch between Medicare Advantage Plans, join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, switch current drug plan or drop Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Medicare plan options depend on the area of residence. To find available health or drug plans, visit medicare.gov. For those unsure of where to start, a local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can help.

SHIPs offer free one-on-one assistance year-round to Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, their families and caregivers. Trained counselors can help with understanding Medicare benefits and the enrollment process. Assistance is personalized, so SHIP counselors can help find available options.

For more information, contact the Mississippi Access to Care Center at 1-844-822-4622.

Walls completes degree at Hinds



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Stephanie Walls of Clinton (left) recently received a degree in dental assisting technology from Hinds Community College. With her are mom Erica Walls (center) and her aunt, Alejandra Berra (right).

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