Are You

- On Medicare?
- Disabled?
- Unsure about a health insurance decision you made or need to make?
- Concerned with Long-Term Care costs?

Insurance Mistakes **Avoid Costly**

By:

- Being uninsured or under insured
- Missing open enrollment deadlines
- Incurring ongoing premium penalties
- Serving pre-existing condition waiting periods
- Dropping insurance coverage
- Missing guaranteed issue protections

Important Numbers

1-800-MEDICARE or

(1-800-633-4227)

Part D Prescription Drug Helplines: 1-855-677-2783 (Age 60 & over)

1-800-926-4862 (Age 59 & younger)

For questions or concerns about an insurance company or agent, call:

1-800-236-8517 of Insurance Office of the Commissioner oci.wi.gov



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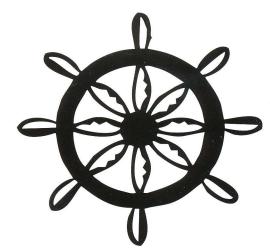
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informed insurance decisions We can help you make

Call Us When You Decide To

- Start Medicare
- Change insurance coverage
- Enroll in Part B or Part D of Medicare
- Quit, change jobs, or retire
- Purchase Long-Term Care insurance
- Relocate

Or When You

- Know that you will lose or change your employer/union group healthcare coverage
- Need help in applying for extra help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs
- Want to determine if you are eligible for help to pay your Medicare Part B premium and/or other Medicare out of pocket costs.

Call us at 1-800-242-1060

Understand your rights and options!!

Be an Informed Consumer

Understand

- Original Medicare
- Medicare Advantage plans
- Enrollment and disenrollment periods for Medicare Advantage plans
- Medicare Supplement policies (Medigap)
- Wisconsin mandated benefits
- Long-Term Care insurance options (community-based care and nursing home care)
- Spousal Impoverishment protections
- Employer and retiree group health insurance coverage
- How Medicare Part D benefits and enrollment periods coordinate with current prescription coverage

- COBRA and continuation of group health insurance options
- Prescription assistance programs
- Wisconsin's SeniorCare state pharmaceutical assistance program
- Medical Assistance or Badgercare
- Premium assistance programs for Medicare
- Coordination with Military and Veteran health benefits
- Federal employee health benefits
- The Wisconsin's Family Care Program
- How to enroll in Original Medicare, by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov
- Health Insurance Marketplace and Medicare coordination
- End Stage Renal Disease and Medicare