

Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc.

Description:

The Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc. is a national, non-partisan, education and advocacy organization with its headquarters in Connecticut that works to ensure that older adults and persons with disabilities have fair access to Medicare and quality health care. The Center works to advance access to necessary health care for these individuals by addressing the many concerns they have regarding Medicare and related programs.

The Center is staffed by attorneys, paralegals, nurses and information management experts; it may provide legal advice, self-help materials and representation for older adults and persons with disabilities who are unfairly denied Medicare and/or access to health care. It provides education to help individuals access health care benefits and services, including prescription drug coverage. The Center also provides consumers with information on: Medicare coverage and appeals, including Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, Medigap supplemental health insurance, ConnPACE and related programs that help low-income individuals pay for medical care. It hosts two websites, www.medicareadvocacy.org and www.fairmedicare.org. The Center's services and self-help materials are free to Connecticut residents.

The Center for Medicare Advocacy provides consultants and trainers for groups that are interested in learning about individuals' health care rights, Medicare coverage and appeals and/or in developing advocacy projects. These services are provided for topics including assisted living, coordination of health insurance benefits, discharge planning, hospice, Medicare appeals, Medicare coverage for people with chronic conditions, Medicare home health coverage, Medicare skilled nursing facility coverage, nursing home resident's rights, Medicare Part B coverage and Medicare prescription drug coverage. Much of the organization's assistance is available in Spanish.

The Center additionally serves as a partner, primary trainer and legal support for Connecticut's state health insurance program, known as CHOICES.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

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- Must be age 65 or older, a person with disabilities, a family member or support network to receive advocacy, education, information or training services.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:
July 1 – June 30

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