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**The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
and
The CHOICES Program
(Connecticut Health Insurance Assistance, Outreach, Information and
Referral, Counseling and Eligibility Screening)
Request Your Attendance at a Special Meeting to Discuss:**

**Prescription Drug Benefits for Low Income Connecticut
Older Adults and People with Disabilities**

**Wednesday, Aug. 29th
10AM - Noon
CT Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue, Room 2C, Hartford
Free Parking is on 1st level of Garage attached to State Capitol**

The new Medicare prescription drug benefit (Part D) has been the single most important addition to Medicare benefits in the history of the program. Over the past 2 years, CMS and its partners: grassroots organizations, local, state and federal agencies, State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs), the faith community, and individual volunteers sponsored and attended thousands of Medicare events and opportunities across New England for people to spread the word about the benefit and to provide personalized assistance. Today, more than 90 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries are receiving prescription drug coverage. However, our work is still not done.

It's estimated that up to 75 percent of the 4 million Medicare beneficiaries without a source of prescription drug coverage who are eligible to enroll in Part D, may be eligible to qualify for the low-income subsidy (LIS) through the Social Security Administration.

We are hosting a special "call to action" meeting to brainstorm, mobilize and learn first-hand from organizations in the community how we can best reach low income Medicare beneficiaries in Connecticut. We hope you or a representative from your agency/organization will be able to join us.

If you would like to be part of the meeting, but the location is not convenient, we have set up call-in lines for participation via the telephone.

If you can attend the meeting, either in person or via telephone, please contact: Joseph Stone, CMS Region I, Manager, External Affairs, Joseph.stone@cms.hhs.gov or 617-565-1297 by Thursday, August 23rd.

We know your experience in the community will really help us to reach this vulnerable population and hope you can join us.