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New Open Enrollment Period Available Until March 31 for Medicare Advantage Plans

Lincoln, NE (January 18, 2019) – Medicare enrollees have an opportunity to change their Medicare Advantage plan during a new open enrollment period that started in January and will conclude on March 31 of this year. During this period of time, an individual can enroll into a different advantage plan or switch to original Medicare and a Part D drug plan.

Director of Insurance, Bruce Ramge, encourages individuals to contact the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) to discuss their options during this enrollment period, as well as talk to their insurance agent. “This is an opportunity for individuals to review their options and compare what they have to what is available in the market,” said Ramge. “Close attention should be given to networks, prescription needs and cost when considering a different option.”

SHIIP has volunteers all across Nebraska for individuals who need assistance. One-on-one counseling sessions can be scheduled with SHIIP at no cost to the consumer. SHIIP can be reached by calling 1-800-234-7119. Individuals may also “chat” with SHIIP via the Department of Insurance website at doi.nebraska.gov.

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