

Medicare Open Enrollment: Understanding Medicare Advantage



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MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Thank you for choosing Smith County Memorial Hospital and Smith County Family Practice for your healthcare!

During this open enrollment period, which ends on December 7, you will be contacted to choose between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. We understand that this decision can be confusing, which is why we have provide Know Your Facts documents to help you make an informed choice.

We also want to let you know that our Patient Advocate, Lori Dennis, is certified by SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas). Lori is a compassionate and knowledgeable resource who can answer your questions about which Medicare Advantage plans our Providers accept as well as crucial factors to consider when switching to a Medicare Advantage plan, which is a REPLACEMENT of Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Supplemental Medical Insurance). A 2021 study showed that rural Medicare Advantage plan enrollees were nearly twice as likely to switch back to Original Medicare because of the limited network of providers.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS OUR PROVIDERS ACCEPT:

- *Blue Cross/Blue Shield*
- *United Healthcare (which includes the AARP plan)*
- *Humana*

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve your healthcare needs, and thank you for choosing us.

**Please contact Lori Dennis, Patient Advocate and SHICK Counselor,
with questions at (785) 282-6845 or LoriDennis@scmhks.org**