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8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ph. 620-382-3106

Keep the following agencies & phone numbers handy:

Marion County Health Department all day clinics on Wednesdays - 620-382-2550

Marion County Home Care - Marion - 620-382-3690

Mental Health Service - Hillsboro - 620-947-3200

Veteran Service Rep. - 2nd Tues. even number months-10:00 a.m. at Marion Sr. Center

Social Security - Toll Free-1-800-772-1213 or call Salina Office-1-877-405-3494

Dept. of Children & Families - Newton Office –1-888-369-4777 or 316-283-3015

Central Home Care - Newton - 316-283-8220 or 1-800-301-9499

Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice - Wichita-1-800-767-4965

Gentiva Hospice of Kansas - McPherson - 620-245-0891

Kansas Alzheimer’s Help Line - 1-800-432-3535

DO NOT CALL LIST - 1-888-382-1222 - To have your phone number removed from the telemarketers call list you must dial this number from your home or cellular phone.

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

Senior Citizens of Marion County, Inc. & Marion County Dept. on Aging

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“An Autumn Day”

Pumpkins in the
cornfields,

Gold among the
brown,

Leaves of rust and
scarlet,

Trembling slowly
down,

Birds that travel
southward,

Lovely time to play,

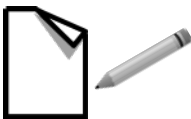
Nothing is as pleasant
as an autumn day!

By: Carmen Lagos Signes



LAFF FOR THE DAY:

“What did the paper
say to the pencil?”



You have a really
good point!

Prescription Drug Open Enrollment Changes

The Prescription Drug Open Enrollment begins October 15-December 7. You should be receiving information from your present Prescription Plan by the first of October with your plan changes. Several changes include the deductible is going up to \$445.00 on most plans and to reach the donut hole this year your medications cost is \$4,130.00. I strongly encourage you to read the material your plan sends. Due to COVID-19 the Mari-

on County Dept. on Aging will be helping individuals get enrolled in a little different manner than previous years. We will unfortunately not be coming out to the various communities throughout the county during the enrollment period. Inside the newsletter you will find a form you can fill out and mail to us, drop it off at Nutrition Sites: Hillsboro or Peabody or drop by our office. If you don’t want to write out all your medications you can get a list from your phar-

macy and attach it to the form. Please make sure if you are taking a generic of a brand name, you put down the generic name. We will do the comparison and give you a call once it is done. We will give you an option to come into our office to review it or mail it back to you and you can call the department to review your options for 2021. If your pharmacy does comparisons, we strongly encourage you to allow them to do this for you and we will be glad to (Prescription Drug see pg. 3)

Extra Help with Prescription Drug Plan Costs

The Medicare Extra Help Program helps pay for Medicare prescription drug plan. To qualify, a person must meet the income guidelines. Single person gross monthly income is

\$1,595 and married couple monthly gross income \$2,155. Your resources (bank accounts, CD’s, Pension, annuity or property cannot be more than \$14,620 for an individual and

\$29,160 for a married couple.) Resources do not include your primary residence and vehicle. Call the Marion County Dept. on Aging if you think you qualify.

🍁 1960 SCMC 60th Anniversary Postponed 2020 🍁

The Senior Citizens of Marion County, Inc. decided at their August monthly Board Meeting to postpone their Annual Meeting this year. They would have celebrated their 60 years of existence. The Board felt due to fluctuating COVID-19 numbers of cases in the county plus the need to social distance and mask requirement it was best to wait until next year to celebrate. This organization

began in 1960 when the Ford Foundation, based in New York City, awarded a group of Marion County seniors meeting at the old Wheel Inn Café in Hillsboro a grant of \$26,500.00 for the purpose of studying aging and community organization and actions. From that seed money the group established senior centers across Marion County. We are grateful to Dorothy DuVall of Marion, Wesley Loe-

wen of Hillsboro and Dor-man Becker of Durham, who were appointed by the Marion County Commission to make a place for seniors throughout the county to gather and have fun, food and fellowship. We look forward to next year celebrating the accomplishment of what these people started 60 years ago.



Joe Namath's Medicare Plan

Many of you have probably seen the Joe Namath Medicare Plan commercial. He is selling a Medicare Advantage plan which is different than Original Medicare. A Medicare Advantage plan is a type of Medicare health plan offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide all your Part A and Part B benefits. Some of these plans offer prescription drug coverage and other services. Joe's commercial talks about some of these plans offering rides to doctors, private home aide, home delivered meals and vision, dental and hearing services. At the end of the commercial in small print it says "available in only select plans and not available in every state or zip code."

Marion County has three of these plans available. The key thing you need to know about these plans is you must use their network of physicians and other medical services. Presently the county hospitals and physicians are not in these plans network. You can use these plans in the county but you would be paying out of network costs. If you don't use in-network then you will pay a monetary amount or a percentage of the cost of medical services. One plan offered has a \$0 premium but a \$9,400 annual deductible. You have \$0 copay after you meet the deductible. Second plan has \$0 premium and no deductible. You pay \$0 copay for in-network primary physician visit but 40% coinsurance with out of network primary physician.

This plan does cover some services for a short duration such as meals and fitness benefit. It also covers some dental, vision and hearing services but must use their in-network medical services. The third plan has a \$0 premium and no deductible. Again you would have a \$0 copay with in-network physician but 40% coinsurance for out of network physician. Some services such as rehabilitation, medical equipment, hearing, dental, vision and foot care require a pre authorization before plan will pay.



Part D Senior Savings Model

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that over 1,750 standalone Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans and Medicare Advantage Plans with prescription drug coverage have applied to offer lower insulin costs through the Part D Senior Savings Model for the 2021 plan year. Part D sponsors participating in the Model will offer beneficiaries plan choices that provide broad access to multiple types of insulin, marketed

by Model-participating pharmaceutical manufacturers, at a maximum \$35 copay for a 30-days' supply in the deductible, initial coverage and coverage gap phases of the Part D benefit. As a result, beneficiaries who take insulin and enroll in a plan participating in the Model should save an average of \$446 in annual out-of-pocket costs on insulin, or over 66 percent, relative to their average cost sharing today. This predictable copay will provide improved access

to and affordability of insulin in order to improve management of beneficiaries who require insulin as part of their care. If your Drug plan participates in this program you will be able to get at least one vial and pen dosage from all pharmacy types for each of the different types of Model insulins, where available-rapid-acting, short-acting, intermediate-acting and long-acting.



Prescription Drug (Pg.1)

to enroll you if you need to switch plans. We regret this inconvenience but our main goal is to provide safety for you and the staff in our department. If you want to come to our office, we ask if you are sick to reschedule your appointment for another day. The City of Marion has a mandatory

face mask ordinance so you will need to wear a mask to the appointment in our office. If you have questions about Prescription Drug Enrollment give us a call at [620-382-3580](tel:620-382-3580).

Flu Shots



The Marion County Health Department will be doing Flu Clinics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment only call [620-382-2550](tel:620-382-2550) to schedule appointment or check date/time/location for surrounding towns Flu Clinics.

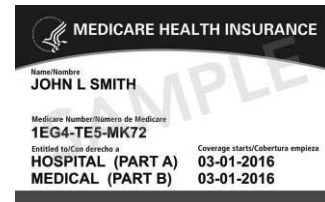
Mark your calendar for the upcoming events: ✓

OCTOBER: October 12 Flu Shot Clinic-Marion Sr. Center from 11:00-1:00 p.m. County Offices closed October 12-Columbus Day and October 15-SCMC 60th Annual Meeting-Cancelled for 2020.

NOVEMBER: November 20-SCMC Bd. Mtg.-Peabody Sr. Center, County Offices closed for these holidays-November 11-Veterans Day, November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Holidays.

DECEMBER: December 18-SCMC Bd. Mtg.-Marion Sr. Center, County Offices closed for these holidays-December 24 & 25-Christmas Holidays and January 1, 2021-New Year's Day Holiday.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE



1. Your name as it appears on your Medicare card?

2. Medicare Number: _____

3. Effective date for your Medicare?

Part A _____ Part B _____
Month/date/year Month/date/year

4. Birth Date: _____

5. Phone Number: _____

6. Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

7. How to pay for premium: Social Security Check: _____
Pay Directly: _____

8. Pharmacy you use: _____

Do you use your Prescription Drug plan mail order company? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which prescription drugs do you currently take? (Please list the dosage of your medications, how many times you take daily and supply: (ie: 30 day, 90 day, once a year) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Drug Name	Dosage	Times daily/weekly/monthly	Supply
Ex: Lisinopril	10 mg	Once a day	90 day supply

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**Mail this form back to: Marion County Dept on Aging
309 S Third
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**Drop off at one of the two nutrition sites: Hillsboro or Peabody and we will pick up.
You can also drop off at our office between 8:00 am -4:30 pm. (Mon-Fri).**

**We will call you when we have your comparison done. We will set up an
appointment by phone or in our office.**