Happy Autumn!

Even though it has been wet and cold, the fall colors are beautiful!

At our next SMP Volunteer meeting on November 19th, 2021, we will continue our discussion about the Annual Open Enrollment Period. This discussion will be led by Outreach Counselor, Gene. He will inform you on how our staff can assist you on how to make the best health care plan decisions for your health care needs. This will be a team discussion, so bring your concerns to the meeting! We will also discuss:

- Current scams to be on the lookout for
- The GetSetUp program where (3) of our NYS SMP volunteers are featured speakers during the Annual Open Enrollment.
- Hawaii bound anyone? Let’s talk about setting up a meeting with the Hawaii SMP volunteers, they want to hear from us!

As always, THANK YOU for all you do to spread the word about Medicare Fraud!
Choosing a Part D Drug Plan

Ask yourself the following questions before choosing a Part D drug plan:

1. Does the plan cover all the medications I take?
2. How much will I pay for monthly premiums and the annual deductible?
3. How much will I pay at the pharmacy (copay/coinsurance) for each drug I take?
4. Is my pharmacy in the plans’ preferred network?
5. Can I fill my prescriptions by mail order?
6. What is the plan’s star rating?
7. If I have retiree coverage, will the Medicare drug plan work with this coverage?

Meet StateWide Outreach Counselor Leslie Sierrra

Leslie joined the Staff of StateWide in April 2012. She comes with over 20 years experience working with the senior population and is a certified HIICAP counselor. She started the Brooklyn Caregivers Program while a Sr. Case Manager for The Institute for Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly and was responsible for one of the first support groups for caregivers in Brooklyn.

Leslie was the first of many to recognize and honor caregivers for the unpaid work they do in the borough of Brooklyn. As a Crime Prevention Specialist, Leslie trained over 500 seniors and staff on crime prevention, elder abuse, and financial abuse for the Ft. Greene Senior Citizens Council. Leslie is also President of the Board of Directors for a 325 unit Co-op in Brooklyn and an ardent wedding and event planner.

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