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## Nebraska SHIP Offering Medicare Appointments in Beatrice

JUNE 17, 2021 (BEATRICE, NE) — Nebraska SHIP, a division of the Department of Insurance, is partnering with the Beatrice Senior Citizens Center to bring local, in-person Medicare counseling to Beatrice. SHIP representatives will be available by appointment to meet with those with Medicare questions every other Tuesday beginning on July 6. SHIP is also hosting a Welcome to Medicare class on Thursday, August 5, at Southeast Community College-Beatrice Campus. To schedule an appointment with a counselor or register for the Welcome to Medicare class, call Nebraska SHIP at 1-800-234-7119.

Nebraska SHIP services are available to all Nebraskans with Medicare, family members, medical providers and anyone who has Medicare-related questions. Information and services are free, unbiased, and confidential. SHIP, your community resource for Medicare education and problem solving, is available whether you are (1) approaching age 65 and need guidance on enrolling; (2) currently receiving Medicare and have a question about your benefits; or (3) suspecting you have been a victim of a Medicare scam or fraud.

SHIP also offers Medicare counseling by phone and virtually through your computer, tablet, or a smart phone. "You are welcome to come in to visit or get information from the comfort of your home," said Alicia Jones, Nebraska SHIP Administrator. Your local Nebraska SHIP is available to assist with offices in Beatrice, Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln, Omaha, Norfolk, North Platte, and Scottsbluff. Nebraska SHIP has a network of 325 volunteer certified counselors who are working throughout the state to answer any Medicare questions you may have. You can contact your local SHIP office by calling 1-800-234-7119 or visit its website at www.doi.nebraska.gov/ship.

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