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MEDICARE PART D ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP

Annapolis, MD (Nov. 23, 2010) – Moderate-income seniors can obtain information about the Maryland Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program (SPDAP) at an open enrollment workshop. SPDAP helps eligible seniors and others on Medicare Part D with their prescription drug coverage.

The free enrollment workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Annapolis Senior Activity Center, 119 S. Villa Ave., Annapolis. Representatives from the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities' Senior Health Insurance Program will provide information. SPDAP staff can help complete the application and also provide unbiased assistance in selecting a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan for 2011.

SPDAP provides up to \$35 per month toward the premium of any Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or Medicare Advantage Plan of your choice. If the total cost of your drugs exceeds \$2,830 before the end of the year, you can fall into the phase known as the "doughnut hole," where you will have to pay the full price of your drugs until either Dec. 31 or when your total out-of-pocket costs reach \$4,550. To help cover the drug expenses during this time, SPDAP offers a "doughnut hole" subsidy of up to \$1,200 through a select group of plans that have agreed to accept this subsidy.

To qualify, you must be a resident of Maryland, be enrolled in a Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan, and have a total income of less than \$32,490 for an individual or \$43,710 for a couple.

You must make an appointment to attend the workshop. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-215-8038.

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