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EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP NOW OFFERS SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM COUNSELING

***Township partners with Illinois Department on Aging, AgeSmart,
and Main Street Community Center to offer program in time for Medicare's Open Enrollment***

Edwardsville, Illinois – October 28, 2015. Seniors in our community now have a local resource for information regarding available insurance options. At the October 27, 2015 meeting of the Edwardsville Township Board of Trustees, Township Supervisor Frank Miles announced that Edwardsville Township has partnered with the Illinois Department on Aging, AgeSmart (formerly known as the Southwest Area Agency on Aging), and Main Street Community Center to offer free individual counseling services for the Senior Health Insurance Program.

The Senior Health Insurance Program, known as SHIP trains volunteer counselors throughout the State of Illinois to provide one-on-one help with senior medical insurance programs. Edwardsville Township Community Outreach Coordinator Christine Doty recently completed the training, which consisted of 24 hours of instruction and a final certification exam.

“We are excited to offer another service to the residents of Edwardsville Township,” said Supervisor Miles. “As a SHIP counselor, Christine will be able to answer questions about Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Prescription Drug Coverage through Medicare and other sources, Long-term Care Insurance, and Medicare Claims and Appeals.”

This partnership comes just in time for Medicare's open enrollment period, which runs October 15 to December 7. During this time, all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs.

“As a SHIP counselor, Christine can help seniors review the changes in senior's plans and assist senior's with determining whether their plans will still meet their needs the following year,” said Supervisor Miles.

SHIP counseling is available at the Edwardsville Township office, by appointment only, or during the Township's onsite hours at the Main Street Community Center, located at 1003 N Main in Edwardsville, from 1pm – 3pm the first Wednesday of the month.

For more information about the program or to make an appoint, residents may call 618-656-0292 or visit the Township's website at www.edwardsilletownship.com

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Edwardsville Township is comprised of the City of Edwardsville, Village of Glen Carbon and unincorporated areas just outside of these two municipalities. The Township Supervisor's office is located at 300 West Park in Edwardsville and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Learn more about Edwardsville Township online at www.edwardsvilletownship.com or contact the Township Offices by phone at 618-656-0292.

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