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Medicare Open Enrollment Ends December 7

Kerr: "Don't wait until last minute."

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Allen Kerr today released the following statement reminding Arkansans that Medicare Open Enrollment ends on December 7, 2015:

"Don't wait until the last minute to make the best decision for your Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for 2016. I urge all Arkansans receiving Medicare benefits to review and compare their options ahead of next Monday's deadline."

During the open enrollment period, Medicare-eligible Arkansans can:

- Change from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan.
- Change from a Medicare Advantage Plan back to Original Medicare.
- Switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan.
- Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage.
- Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage.
- Join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.
- Switch from one Medicare drug plan to another Medicare drug plan.
- Drop your Medicare prescription drug coverage completely.

The Medicare Open Enrollment period ends December 7, 2015. For further information, Arkansans can visit AID's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) at <http://Insurance.Arkansas.gov/shiip.htm> or call us at 800-224-6330.

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