

GEORGIA CARES – ATLANTA REGION



GeorgiaCares Health Insurance Counseling Program

What is GeorgiaCares?

GeorgiaCares is Georgia's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Trained counselors help Medicare beneficiaries sort through the complexities of Medicare and related health insurance concerns. The program provides objective information to help individuals and their families make informed decisions concerning their health insurance needs.

Who are the counselors?

They are a team of professionals and volunteers who complete extensive training and receive up-to-date information on a wide variety of insurance topics. Counselors are available to assist beneficiaries and their families in understanding Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap (supplemental insurance), long-term care insurance and other available health assistance programs by offering independent unbiased consultation.

Is there a cost?

GeorgiaCares services are available at no cost. This program is funded through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which administers Medicare, and is sponsored by the Department of Human Resources, Division of Aging Services and the Atlanta Regional Commission, the local Area Agency on Aging.

What GeorgiaCares services are available?

Information about

- Medicare
- Low-cost prescription assistance programs
- Managed care
- Long-term care insurance
- Medigap (Medicare supplemental insurance)
- Medicare savings programs
- Medicaid

Help with

- Applying for low-cost prescription assistance programs
- Comparing and evaluating health insurance and managed care plans

We also

- Make referrals to other appropriate agencies
- Provide assistance with complicated Medicare problems
- Provide community education and outreach

What GeorgiaCares cannot do

- Sell any type of health care coverage
- Endorse or recommend any specific plan or policy
- Provide any direct financial assistance



For more information

To schedule a presentation

To receive a volunteer application

Call

1.800.669.8387

(toll-free statewide)

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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