



LOCAL HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH MEDICARE

# ASK SHIP

## YOUR MONTHLY MEDICARE Q&A

**Q: I will be turning 65 soon and want to make smart choices with my Medicare options. I recently spoke with a SHIP Counselor, and he mentioned a new virtual Medicare event for people new to Medicare. How can I participate?**

**A:** SHIP, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, is a great resource for Medicare beneficiaries. SHIP is a free and impartial counseling program for people with Medicare.

They provide in-person and virtual counseling throughout Indiana. There are similar programs throughout the United States.

SHIP's services are always free and always impartial.

This year, the SHIP National Network is providing a new virtual event for people who will be new to Medicare. The virtual fair is for people turning 65, retiring, or joining Medicare because of a disability.

You can learn about Medicare, and all its parts, so you can make educated decisions during your initial enrollment.

There will be national expert presenters on Medicare eligibility, enrollment, and coverage options. Chat with exhibitors from your State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP) for answers to your individual questions.

This event is government funded, and there is no cost to attend. You can attend all or part of this event. There will be general sessions with expert presenters on Medicare eligibility, enrollment, costs, and coverage options.

In the general sessions, they will offer subtitles in English and a live transcript in Spanish.

You can visit state-specific virtual exhibits at any time during this

event. Chat with us about how our program can help you with your individual Medicare enrollment questions.

The Welcome to Medicare Virtual Fair will be Wednesday, June 23, 2021 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm ET. You must register online to attend at [www.shiptacenter.org](http://www.shiptacenter.org) and follow the links for the Virtual Fair registration.

Get trusted, unbiased Medicare education to help you make choices that best meet your needs.

If you have questions about the Medicare Virtual Fair or any other questions related to Medicare, call SHIP at 1-800-452-4800, 1-866-846-0139 TDD or online at [www.medicare.in.gov](http://www.medicare.in.gov). You can also find us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.