

# Social Services Corner

Our Social Services Program at the North Providence Mancini Center assists and refers older adults in areas of financial, health insurance, housing, legal, social security, and prescription drugs.

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## 2019 Changes for Health Insurance Plans and Medicare Benefits

**REMINDER:** The dates of the open enrollment period for the 2019 benefit year **will begin on October 15<sup>th</sup> and end on December 7, 2018**. If you wish to review your options or change your plan, you must do so during this open enrollment period. Changes will become effective January 1, 2019.

On **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM – 1:00PM** and Monday, **November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM – 12:00PM**, a representative from **United Healthcare** will be at the Center to review Medicare Complete Plans for 2019 and answer questions.

On **Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM – 1:00PM**, a representative from **Blue Cross Shield of RI** will be at the Center to review Blue Chip Plans for 2019 and answer any questions.

## 2019 MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

Dates and deadlines you need to know



**OCT. 15, 2018**

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS

This is the first day you can enroll for 2019 health coverage.



**DEC. 7, 2018**

OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS

This is the last day you can enroll for 2019 health coverage.



**JAN. 1, 2019**

FIRST DATE COVERAGE CAN START

Even if you enroll in December 2018, your new Medicare plan won't go into effect until Jan. 1, 2019.