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### **Upcoming Important Medicare Dates**

- September 30—Annual Notice of Change notice must be received by Medicare beneficiaries. If you have not received your letter, contact your plan.
- October 1—Get ready for Open Enrollment Review any notices from your current plan about cost and benefit changes for next year. Make a point to compare to find and compare plans that meet your needs.
- October 15—Open Enrollment begins This is the one time of year when everyone with Medicare can make changes to their health and drug coverage for the next year. If you are unsure of how to compare Medicare plans, call K-State Extension-Meadowlark District for an appointment with a trained Senior Health Insurance for Kansas (SHICK) Counselor.
- December 7—Open Enrollment ends In most cases; this is the last day you can change your Medicare coverage for next year.
- January 1—Coverage begins If you switch to a new health or drug plan, your new coverage starts January 1. If you keep your current coverage, any changes to benefits or costs for the new year also start on January 1.