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From \$0 to \$48 a month! Just like that! This is what someone just realized they would have had to pay with the changes to their stand-alone drug plan. Luckily, that person was able to find a better plan to keep their costs down. How? They met with a SHINE Counselor at the COA, and so should you! Chances are you may not really know if you need your insurance changed unless you have a review of your current plan, and there is only a small window of time to check on it. The Medicare Open Enrollment Period is Oct.15 – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> (Changes will take effect on January 1).

On **Tuesday, October 18, 2016**, from **4 p.m. – 5 p.m.**, there will be a comprehensive insurance presentation by regional representatives from **S.H.I.N.E.** (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) **at 17 Barstow St., Mattapoissett (COA entrance)**. It is highly recommended that anyone 65+ (or who will be) attend this session. **Call the Mattapoissett COA at 508.758.4110 to reserve your spot at this session.**

If you cannot make this session, you may also contact your local COA and ask for a trained S.H.I.N.E. Counselor who will call you back to assist you with any of the following:

- Change from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan and vice-versa.
- 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 or vice-versa.
- Join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.
- Switch from one Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to another Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.
- Drop your Medicare prescription drug coverage completely.