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Subject: Open Enrollment for Medicare Prescription Drug and Health Plans Begins
November 15th

Today the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a press release announcing the start of the 2010 Open Enrollment season for Medicare prescription drug and health plans on November 15th. Open enrollment is the one time every year when people with Medicare can review and, if necessary, change their current health care coverage. From November 15th through December 31st, beneficiaries can go to <http://www.medicare.gov> or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to make changes in their Medicare prescription drug and health coverage. People in Original Medicare without prescription drug coverage can enroll in a drug plan or health plan that offers drug coverage during Open Enrollment.

The press release is available on the CMS website at
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press_releases.asp

If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. Thank you.