



## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Dear Neighbor,

I have listened carefully to your concerns about Medicare and would like to provide you with this important update. If you are eligible for Medicare, you may be interested to know that Medicare Open Enrollment began on October 15, 2013. That means you can make changes to your Medicare plan or enroll for Medicare between now and December 7, 2013.

### ABOUT MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

- **Are you happy with your current Medicare plan?** If you are happy with your Medicare plan, you do not need to take action during Medicare Open Enrollment. You do not have to sign up for Medicare each year; however, if you would like to make *changes* to your Medicare plan, Medicare Open Enrollment is the time to make those changes. Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call (800) 633-4227 for more information about Medicare Open Enrollment.
- **Know the differences between enrollment periods.** Medicare's Open Enrollment period (October 15, 2013 – December 7, 2013) is different from the enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare." If you are enrolled in a Medicare plan, you do not need to take action during "Obamacare" enrollment (October 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014). It is illegal for a person to knowingly sell "Obamacare" plans to those on Medicare, so please call my Washington, D.C. Office at (202) 225-2015 if you suspect abuse or illegal activity.
- **If you're unsure, call for help.** If you have additional questions about the Medicare Enrollment Period, you can visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call (800) 633-4227. Also, my offices stand ready to assist you, so please do not hesitate to call.

**Hilliard District Office: (614) 771-4968**  
**Lancaster District Office: (740) 654-2654**  
**Wilmington District Office: (937) 283-7049**

I am working hard every day to make sure your Medicare does not change. That is why I support a plan that **does not change Medicare** for those 55 and older. Plus, the plan I support puts Medicare on a path towards sustainability by strengthening and securing it, so it will be available in the future for our children and grandchildren. Feel free to contact any of my offices to learn more about my work to protect and preserve Medicare.

One of my top priorities as your representative in Congress is to keep you informed. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this Medicare update and hope this information is helpful to you. Please feel free to contact any of my offices if you have questions about this or any other federal issues. You can also sign up for my e-newsletter at [www.stivers.house.gov](http://www.stivers.house.gov).

Sincerely,

STEVE STIVERS  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS