

HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

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Reminder: Day Saving Time Ends on October 30th (set clock back one hour)

We are planning monthly field trips for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens.

(Attention: the places or dates may be changed if unable to reserve or time permits.)

When the place and date are settled, it will be announced on each month of the newsletter.



Important Medicare Rx Benefit

Get ready for the new **Medicare Rx Part D Pharmacy Benefit**. The biggest change to the Medicare Program is coming this fall.

October 2005: You will receive your new Medicare & You handbook.....Starting **October 13**, specific information will be available about all the Part D prescription drug plans being offered in your area.

November 2005: Enrollment in new Medicare Part D prescription drug plans will begin on **November 15. (Deadline on May 15, 2006)** If interested, make sure to sign in before deadline or you'll have to pay 1% every month.

January 2006: New 2006 Medicare part D prescription drug coverage takes effect **January 1**.

All Medicare beneficiaries are eligible. As a Medicare beneficiary, you get to decide if you want to enroll in a **Medicare Rx Part D Prescription Drug Plan**.

For those who are Texas HealthSpring member, you do not have to do anything and you will be enrolled automatically in the new Medicare Rx Prescription drug benefit. You do not need to do anything to begin receiving all the benefits of **Medicare Rx**.

Your status will not change unless you request a change. It is important that you understand, however, that signing up for prescription benefits with another company will cancel your Texas HealthSpring membership effective January 1, 2006 and you will revert to regular Medicare. We do not want this to happen to you unless that is the choice you want to make.

Texas HealthSpring members: Do not sign up for the **Medicare Rx part D benefit with another company without talking to Texas HealthSpring insurance**. According to federal guidelines, if you sign up for a Medicare Rx prescription drug plan through another company you will be disenrolled automatically from your Texas HealthSpring Medicare Advantage plan.

If you have any questions, call Texas HealthSpring office as soon as you can.

For those who have other health insurances, before enrollment begin; call your health insurance as soon as you can for more information and questions about Medicare Rx Part D Prescription Drug Plan.

