

During Open Enrollment (October 15-December 7) 660 clients received information and assistance regarding their Medicare Part D plans, and Northwest Missouri Agency on Aging staff completed comparisons and subsequently helped clients enroll in the 2018 plan of their choice. Plan D comparison printouts from Medicare.gov include premiums, cost of prescriptions and other out-of-pocket expenses. The amount of money clients will save by switching plans is estimated at \$248,081

Applications for MSP (Medicare Savings Programs) and LIS (Low Income Subsidies) were submitted for 88 individuals during those appointments. Subject to income and resource guidelines, MSP helps with Part B premiums, co-pays and deductibles; and LIS reduces premiums, deductibles and co-pays, and it helps with the Part D coverage gap.