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Colorado SHIP Program Can Assist Fox Insurance Company Prescription Drug Plan Members Choose New Insurance

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) ended its contract with Fox Insurance Company on March 9. Nearly 6,000 Colorado members of the Medicare prescription drug plan must choose new coverage. Those members can receive help picking a new plan through the Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program, known as SHIP, at no charge.

There are a variety of Medicare prescription drug plans and Medicare Health Plans with prescription drug coverage. SHIP counselors help research the best plan for individual needs. Non-profit and governmental agencies provide counseling throughout the state. SHIP counselors do not represent any specific insurance plan.

Consumers can reach a SHIP counselor at 1-888-696-7213. They will be connected with the nearest agency that provides free SHIP counseling. For counseling in Spanish, call 1-866-665-9668. SHIP is sponsored by the Colorado Division of Insurance.

All Fox members can get their prescription drugs temporarily through LI NET, a program run by Medicare and administered by Humana. LI NET is a special plan with few restrictions on specialty or expensive medications. When a Fox member goes to a pharmacy to fill a prescription, the pharmacist can put the bill through the LI NET system for payment.

Fox members will be able to choose a new Medicare prescription drug plan through June 1, 2010. However, consumers will be enrolled by Medicare into one of the Medicare prescription drug plans if they don't make a choice by May 1.

After reviewing the Fox plan and its services, CMS determined the plan did not meet Medicare's requirements to provide prescription drugs. This risked the health and safety of Fox plan members. CMS found a series of violations, including improperly denying Fox enrollees coverage of critical HIV, cancer, and seizure medications.

[For more information on the CMS decision to terminate this contact, please click here.](#)

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