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Dear Benton County Residents,

I am writing to inform you of some changes in the Senior Health Insurance Information and Senior Medicare Patrol (SHIIP-SMP) resources available in Benton County. First, I ask that you join us in thanking SHIIP-SMP Counselor Jennie Anderson for providing nearly 6 years of volunteer service. Jennie has retired from her volunteer role, and we wish her all the best in her next endeavors.

We are pleased to announce that Virginia Gay Hospital has been named an official sponsor of the SHIIP-SMP program. Virginia Gay Hospital will be joined by SHIIP-SMP volunteer Barb Parbs. Barb has served as a SHIP-SMP Counselor for nearly six years in Cedar Rapids, and she is happy to now provide the service closer to home. Barb is ready to assist you with your Medicare needs, as well as run your Part D or Medicare Advantage comparisons for 2022.

As a reminder, SHIIP-SMP provides free and objective one-to-one insurance counseling and assistance at no cost to Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and caregivers. SHIIP-SMP also provides support on guarding against Medicare fraud.

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**Open Enrollment Period will take place between October 15 – December 7, 2022. If you would like assistance with your Part D and Medicare Advantage comparisons for the year ahead, please:**

- Complete BOTH sides of the enclosed Client Information Form. Be sure to print your name as it appears on your Medicare card.
- Get a printout from your pharmacy of your current drug list which includes the prescription name, dosage and the quantity prescribed or complete the enclosed Drug List Form.
- Mail the completed documents to your SHIIP-SMP Office at: Virginia Gay Hospital, ATTN: SHIIP-SMP, 502 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vinton IA 50237.

Your site will complete comparisons in the order they are received. It may take several days to process each comparison. **Please get your information to your site no later than October 5, 2021** to be sure they have time to help you. You will be contacted regarding your options.

Thank you,

Kristin Griffith  
SHIIP-SMP Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Griffith".