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# Medicare Portal Compass

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## Hello and welcome to our first issue of the Medicare Portal Compass!

Medicare is constantly evolving and changing, and Medicare Portal is constantly looking for ways to help our clients know more and stress less while on their Medicare journey. With that goal in mind, we have created this newsletter to deliver timely information regarding current and future trends and changes in the Medicare world. Since Medicare isn't exactly riveting, we also will be including fun facts, puzzles, tips, events and other interesting content in our newsletter to spice it up a bit!

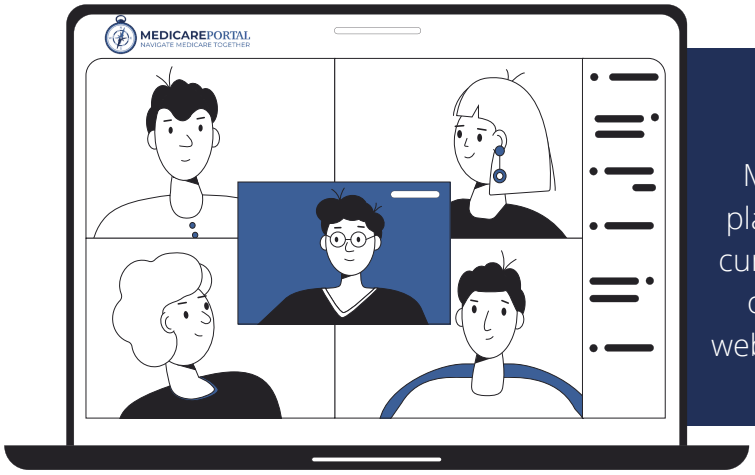
We take pride in keeping our clients informed and feel that they are the smartest Medicare consumers in the country. With this newsletter, we believe their knowledge will continue to grow, which will strengthen their confidence in their healthcare decisions!

Lastly, if you have ideas or suggestions on Medicare topics you would like us to cover, please email us at info@medicareportal.org. We are excited to continue with you on your Medicare journey!

Enthusiastically,

*John Norce*

# Medicare Portal's Educational Events




## About our Webinars

Medicare Portal has created an educational platform that's beneficial to individuals new or currently on Medicare. Our events are free and open to the public. To check our upcoming webinars go to our events page on our website.

We've developed our educational webinars from the most requested topics that we receive from clients, beneficiaries, financial advisors, independent living communities and HR professionals.

### Medicare Basics

This webinar covers the fundamentals of Medicare including Parts A, B, C, D and Medicare Supplement. We also discuss enrolling at 65, working past 65, and special enrollment periods. This webinar is available year-round.

### Medicare Working Past 65

This webinar identifies key dates, timelines, and actions you need to take when working past 65 and enrolling in Medicare. This webinar is available year-round.

### Medicare Part D

This webinar discusses the fundamentals of Part D prescription drug coverage, how it works, important terms, and enrollment dates. This webinar is available year-round.

### Original Medicare vs Medicare Advantage

This webinar covers the fundamental differences between Medicare Advantage and Original Medicare and exactly how to choose the plan that best suits your needs. This webinar is available year-round.

### Medicare Annual Enrollment

This webinar explores what the Annual Enrollment Period is, how it can impact you and specifically what changes you can make to your Medicare benefits. This webinar is offered only from September - November.

Know more. Stress Less.

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# More From Medicare Portal

**MP'S KEVIN CHAIKIN**

## #MP On The Move!

Medicare Portal is everywhere, including in your community! Check out Kevin Chaikin at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase in Maryland, providing a Medicare educational seminar.

Thank you, Kensington Park Senior Living, for organizing this event. We appreciate your contribution to helping improve our community's understanding of Medicare.

Interested in us speaking at your event?  Let us know!

**#MP TIP**

### What happens if you lose your Medicare card?

If you misplace your Medicare card, you can request a replacement from Social Security either online or via phone.

**Option 1** - Visit the Medicare Card Replacement section on the Social Security website (ssa.gov).

**Option 2** - Call the Social Security Hotline at 1-800-772-1213. (TTY users call 1-800-325-0778).

## #MP Recipe Box:

### Watermelon Smoothie

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#### Watermelon Smoothie

Prep Time: 10 Minutes
Servings: 2

**Ingredients**

2 cups of diced watermelon
1 slice of watermelon for garnish
1 cup frozen strawberries
1/2 cup greek yogurt
1/2 cup unsweet almond milk
1/2 fresh mint leaves

**Steps**

1. Blend all ingredients in a blender until smooth
2. Garnish with your extra slice of watermelon
3. Serve immediately and enjoy!

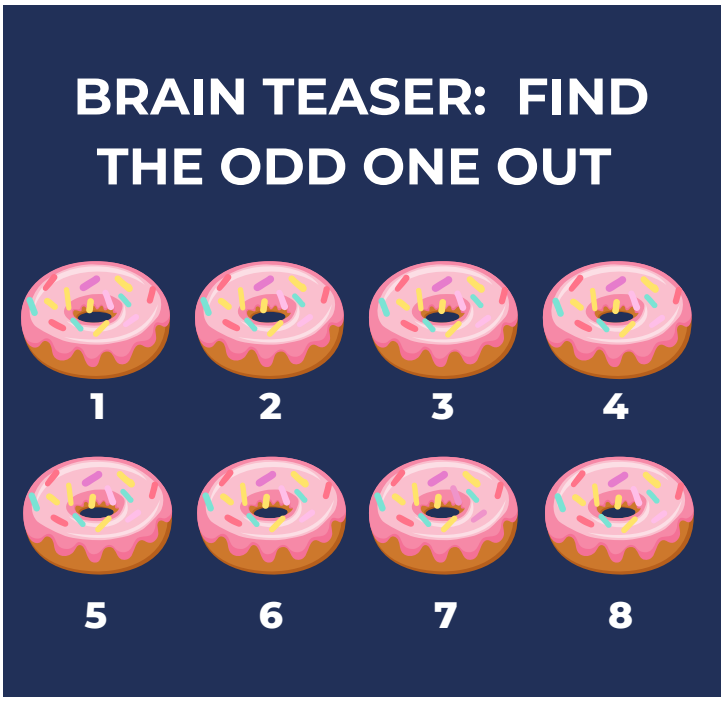
# More From Medicare Portal

## Start preparing for Annual Enrollment!

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan or a stand-alone Part D plan, be on the lookout for your Annual Notice of Change (ANOC), which is a letter sent to you by your plan provider outlining any changes to your benefits for the upcoming year.  You can expect to receive your ANOC in the mail in September.

It's important to review your ANOC to determine if your plan will continue to meet your needs in the upcoming year, or if you need to make a change.

If you haven't received your ANOC by the end of September, contact your plan provider or your Medicare Portal insurance agent for assistance.




### Important Websites You Need To Know

medicareportal.org – Your Medicare Resource

medicare.gov – Help with Payments and Claims

ssa.gov – Social Security Online Services



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