

## **SHINE Program & Health Information Counseling**

(**S**erving **H**ealth **I**nformation **N**eeds of **E**lders)

The Avon Council on Aging has a certified SHINE Counselor available to assist elders and Medicare beneficiaries understand their rights and benefits under Medicare and other health insurance coverage.

SHINE Counselors are trained and certified by the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs and can review present health coverage, provide written comparisons of Medicare health plans available, assist elders with understanding their Medicare coverage and benefits, and provide assistance with researching prescription drug coverage available through the Medicare Prescription Drug Program (Part D).

In addition, the SHINE Counselor can screen elders for a number of benefit programs that help with health care costs, and provide assistance with completing and filing applications.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary (or will be eligible for Medicare in the near future) and would like to schedule an appointment to meet with the SHINE Counselor, call the Avon Council on Aging office at 508-559-0060. The Council on Aging office is located at 65 East Main Street. SHINE counseling services are **confidential** and **free of charge**.

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