

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Medicare Education Week is being held September 15-21, and in recognition, UnitedHealthcare will be hosting free local events to educate Allegheny County's older adults on all aspects of Medicare; and

WHEREAS, Medicare is our nation's largest health insurance program with more than 54,000,000 Americans enrolled; however, research shows that many Medicare beneficiaries find the program to be complex and confusing; and

WHEREAS, approximately 10,000 people turn age 65 every day, meaning that one baby boomer becomes eligible for Medicare every eight seconds; the number of people in need of clear information about Medicare has begun to skyrocket and will continue to grow in the years ahead; and

WHEREAS, National Medicare Education Week was established to encourage baby boomers and Medicare beneficiaries, as well as their families, friends and caregivers, to become educated about their health care coverage options; taking the time to learn about the Medicare program will enable our nation's residents to make informed, confident health care decisions during this year's Open Enrollment Period from October 15 through December 7; and

WHEREAS, more than 65 million Americans care for loved ones with a chronic illness or disability or the frailties of old age, and many of these caregivers are tasked with helping their care recipient navigate Medicare; National Medication Education Week is excellent opportunity for Allegheny County residents to receive the guidance and information they need to understand the program and we are thankful for the education events being hosted in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2015 as "Medicare Education Week" in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 15th day of September, 2015.

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