



Choices Program

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The CHOICES program is managed by the State Department on Aging through a partnership with the Center for Medicare Advocacy and Connecticut's Area Agencies on Aging with funding from the state of Connecticut and the Administration for Community Living. (See Connecticut State Department of Aging website at: <http://www.ct.gov/agingservices/cwp/view.asp?a=2513&q=313032>) or call CHOICES at 1-800-994-9422 to speak with a counselor in your area.

WHAT IS THE CHOICES PROGRAM?

CHOICES programs are funded by the Administration for Community Living, United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration on Aging through the Older Americans Act. The acronym "CHOICES" stands for **C**onnecticut's programs for **H**ealth insurance assistance, **O**utreach, **I**nformation and referral, **C**ounseling, and **E**ligibility **S**creening.

- **Health Insurance Assistance** – Each Area Agency on Aging is staffed with a CHOICES counselor who provides free benefits explanation and enrollment assistance for options such as Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Savings Program, Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy, and Medicare Prevention Services.
- **Outreach** – The AAAs present information on programs addressing aging issues to seniors and their families through community educational seminars, senior fairs, senior centers and public libraries.
- **Information and Referral** – Each Agency on Aging is a centralized information source for senior services and referrals. They direct seniors to local service providers who can address the problems or concerns that older persons and their families may be having.
- **Counseling** – The AAAs provide assessment of resource options and counseling to seniors who have concerns about long term care, health insurance, respite care and other aging issues.
- **Eligibility Screening** – Each AAA offers information and preliminary eligibility screening for many state and federal benefits and support programs. Volunteers are available to assist seniors with completing the application following the preliminary screening.

COST

- No fee

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Eligibility screening is available to persons ages 60 and above and any person who is on Medicare.
- Eligibility for other CHOICES programs is based on the need for information on aging issues.

TO FIND PROVIDERS IN CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY RESOURCES DATABASE:

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