

Second Announcement from CMS, E-mail to Regional Office Local Partners

Subject: CMS MedicareRx Volunteers Available through VolunteerMatch

Help is here! The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and has partnered with VolunteerMatch (www.volunteermatch.org) to launch the CMS MedicareRx Volunteer Initiative, a national corps of volunteers to provide one-on-one assistance to people with Medicare who need help understanding and joining a prescription drug plan.

Currently there are more than **500** CMS MedicareRx volunteers in **46** states registered on VolunteerMatch, who have been matched with an organization in need of assistance. Everyday new volunteers are logging on to VolunteerMatch to join the CMS MedicareRx Volunteer Initiative and they are ready and eager to help people with Medicare in the communities you serve.

In order for your organization to become eligible to access these volunteers through the CMS MedicareRx Volunteer Initiative, **you must respond to a short series of questions** that can be found at <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB224RMRW8QK4>

Only local organizations are encouraged to register in the CMS MedicareRx Volunteer Initiative through VolunteerMatch so that community volunteers will have a local point of contact at their volunteer organization of choice.

Once you've completed these questions, you will receive an e-mail notification from VolunteerMatch that will provide you with a username and password so you can view and edit your account on www.VolunteerMatch.org. The notification will also provide instructions for contacting, orienting and deploying CMS MedicareRx volunteers throughout your organization to provide assistance to people with Medicare interested in joining a prescription drug plan.

All CMS MedicareRx volunteers will receive a hard copy of the *Help is Here Resource Kit: Understanding, Deciding, Choosing, Joining* and they are encouraged to become familiar with the information in it so they can provide clear, accurate information and assistance to people with Medicare.

We are excited about this important new partnership with VolunteerMatch and hope that your organization will take advantage of this important service designed to help you better serve people with Medicare in your community.

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