

**LATEST NEWS:** Medicare Open Enrollment Season has begun! If you or someone you know has Medicare coverage, the period to make changes to your plan runs from **November 15 - December 31** **No**

. If you have questions, please feel free to call my office at 773-267-5926, or visit the Illinois Department of Insurance Senior Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) Web site by [clicking here](#).

SHIP will also be holding one-on-one counseling sessions at sites across the state, to assist you and answer questions about Medicare, Medicare supplemental insurance, Medicare Advantage Plan, claims and appeals, prescription drug coverage, and long-term care insurance.

### Social Security and Medicare

My office can help you with determining Social Security benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicare eligibility.

### Social Security

Do you want to know if you qualify for disability and SSI? Use [Social Security's Screening Tool \(BEST\)](#) to check.

Do you have other general questions about social security services and benefits? Find an answer on the [Social Security Administration's Answers to Your Questions page](#) .

You can also find your local office on [the Social Security locator site](#).

### Medicare

Do you need information on how to apply for Medicare? Go to the [Medicare Frequently Asked Questions page](#)

Other resources:

- [Claims, Appeals Information, and Summary Notices](#)
- [Local Plans](#)
- [Medicare Eligibility Tool](#)
- [Medicare Home Page](#)

***Please contact my district office at 773-267-5926 for assistance with any questions or problems you may have with these vital programs.***

