

SHIBA volunteers can help with Medicare questions

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SOUTH COAST — Have you ever wondered what supplemental Medicare insurance is the right for you? Do you have questions about your Medicare Part D coverage? Do you get discouraged about the confusing information you read to enroll in Medicare? The Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance volunteers in Coos County have you covered.

The Coos County SHIBA Program, sponsored by Coast Community Health Center, welcomes Cynthia Hylton, SHIBA field officer from the Oregon Insurance Division. Hylton's Medicare 101 class covers the basics of Medicare part A, B, C and D. The class is designed for anyone eligible for Medicare within the 2015 open enrollment period or anyone new to Medicare.

The class is also open for current beneficiaries seeking a better understanding of their benefits and options for changes or additional coverage. Spouses and other relatives are also welcome.

To enroll, call 541-347-2529, ext. 114 and leave a message on the number of people and which class you are attending. Walk-ins as space allows. For more information go to www.oregon.gov/dcbs/insurance/SHIBA/Pages/shiba.aspx.

Classes will be offered at the following locations this month:

- June 16, 10 a.m. to noon and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Bay Area Hospital Community Health Education Center, 3950 Sherman Ave., North Bend
- June 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bandon City Library, 1204 11th St. SW, Bandon
- June 17, 10 a.m. to noon. Coquille Valley Hospital, 940 E 5th St., Coquille
- June 18, 10 a.m. to noon. Port Orford City Library, 1421 Oregon St., Port Orford

Coast Community Health Center, located at 1010 First St. in Bandon, is a nonprofit health center serving Oregon's South Coast.