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HELLO SUMMER!

Welcome to the summer edition of *On the Road with Nevada MAP*. Nevada's Medicare Assistance Program (MAP) is three great programs in one helpful resource! MAP combines the services of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA).



MAP provides free and unbiased Medicare related information and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, pre-enrollees, their family, and caregivers. Medicare can be very complicated. MAP services can help with finding the best Medicare plan for you, including Medicare Part D Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. MAP also provides information to help you learn to PREVENT, DETECT, and REPORT Medicare fraud. Our MAP team is also here to assist with applications that can help pay for Medicare costs.

Give us a call today!
1-800-307-4444



Summer has arrived & many of us are taking vacation. But it's no time to take vacation from your health!

July—Medicare's Preventive & Screening services offers a "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit & yearly "Wellness" visits.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month—Have you received your recommended immunizations through Medicare Preventive & Screening Services?

September has World Suicide Prevention Week and Day. Did you know Medicare's Preventive & Screening services offers depression screening?

[preventive services \(medicare.gov\)](https://www.medicare.gov/preventive-services)



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WHAT'S NEW WITH MEDICARE

CMS Working for More Coverage

CMS Announces Details of Plan to Cover Alzheimer's Drugs

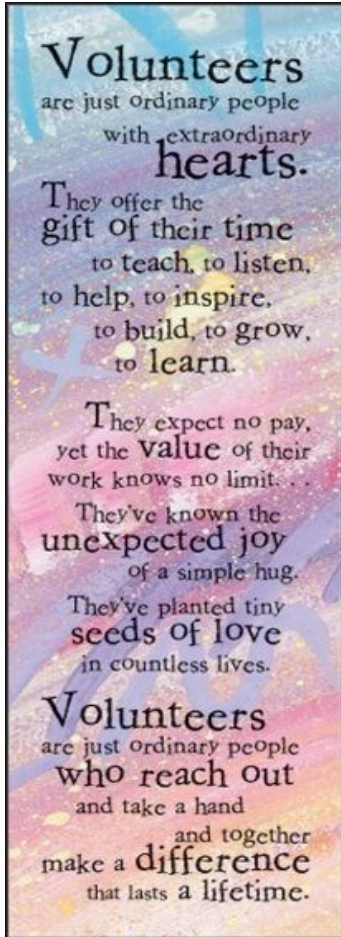
On June 22nd, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released details describing how Medicare beneficiaries can obtain Medicare-covered drugs that may slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Medicare will cover drugs with traditional FDA approval when a physician and clinical team participates in a registry or collection data about the drugs.


[Click here](#) to view the fact sheet.

Notice with Comment - Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies

CMS issued a proposed procedural notice on June 22nd that describes a new way for Medicare to achieve more timely and predictable access to new medical technologies for people with Medicare. The new Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies (TCET) pathway for Breakthrough Devices uses current processes to expedite Medicare coverage of certain breakthrough Devices.

[Click here](#) to view the Federal Register notice and CMS' fact sheet.



Our volunteers are the  of our team!
Join us today!

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FRAUD IN THE NEWS

Be **O**n the **L**ook **O**ut!



What are the Scammers up to now? Fraudulently billing for allergy tests!

Billing problems have long been a part of healthcare and we encourage everyone to check their MSNs and EOBs. In addition to COVID tests or office visits not received, you should also check for allergy tests that were not requested or received. These are often added on to any kind of diagnostic test, but especially COVID tests.

This could also be a red flag that someone's medical identity may have been stolen! This often happens through phone calls. The caller may already have your name, date of birth, and address, but they just need to "verify" some other important information, like a Social Security or Medicare number.

Some people may see ads on Facebook or other social media for free testing. Clicking on these links or talking to "representatives" may lead to having information stolen.

Please remember to report any phone calls, ads, or items on your MSN or EOB to MAP!



Upcoming Events

SOUTHERN NEVADA

Medicare 101 Presentations

07/12—Spring Valley Library 11:00 am
4290 S. Jones Blvd, LV 89103

07/17—Green Valley Women’s Care Center
10:00am 2651 Paseo Verde Pkwy,
Ste. 180, HD 89074

07/24, 09/18—St. Rose de Lima Wellness Center 10:00am 102 E. Lake Mead Pkwy,
HD 89015

07/25, 08/22, 09/26—LV Clark County Library 2:00pm 1401 E. Flamingo Rd, LV
89119

07/31, 09/25—West Flamingo Wellness Center 10:30am 9880 W. Flamingo Rd,
Ste. 220, LV 89147

08/09—Rainbow Library 11:00am 3150 N.
Buffalo Dr., LV 89128

09/12—North LV Library Aliante 11:00am
2400 W. Deer Springs Way, NLV, 89084

09/13—Summerlin Library 11:00am, 1771
Inner Circle Dr., LV 89134

09/19—Centennial Hills Active Adults
10:00am 6601 N. Buffalo Dr., LV 89131

09/28—Las Vegas Deaf Seniors 9:00am
3930 Cambridge St., LV 89119

NORTHERN NEVADA

07/29—Fallon Community Day – 10am
–2pm 325 Sheckler Rd, Fallon, NV
89406

08/04-08/06—Lovelock Frontier Days
– 9am-6pm Location TBD

08/12—Nevada Humane Society Duck Race – 9am–4pm 2 S Arlington Ave,
Reno, NV 89502

09/01-09/03—Numaga Indian Days PowWow – 9am–5pm Location TBD

Follow us on Facebook at Access to Healthcare Network for MAP’s full schedule of events!

Nye County

08/10-12—Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo, Panaca 89042 10am-2pm
Watch for more events coming soon at the Pahrump Senior Center!

MAP Your Way Through Medicare—UNLV OLLI
Wednesdays 09/13-11/15 9-10:45am
Location TBD

Congratulations to MAP Team Member Charlene Tan!

Charlene is a student at Roseman University—Health Sciences and a member of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). ASCP is an international organization with members located in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and 12 countries. She began volunteering with MAP in May 2022 and is currently an active Level 2 Benefits Counselor.

At the ASCP Annual Meeting on October 26-29, 2023, the prestigious Next GenRx Award will be presented to an exceptional pharmacy student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment, leadership, and dedication to the field. Among the pool of deserving candidates, one individual truly stands out: Charlene Tan.

Read the full story here: [Charlene Tan: A Future Leader in Pharmacy - Roseman](#)

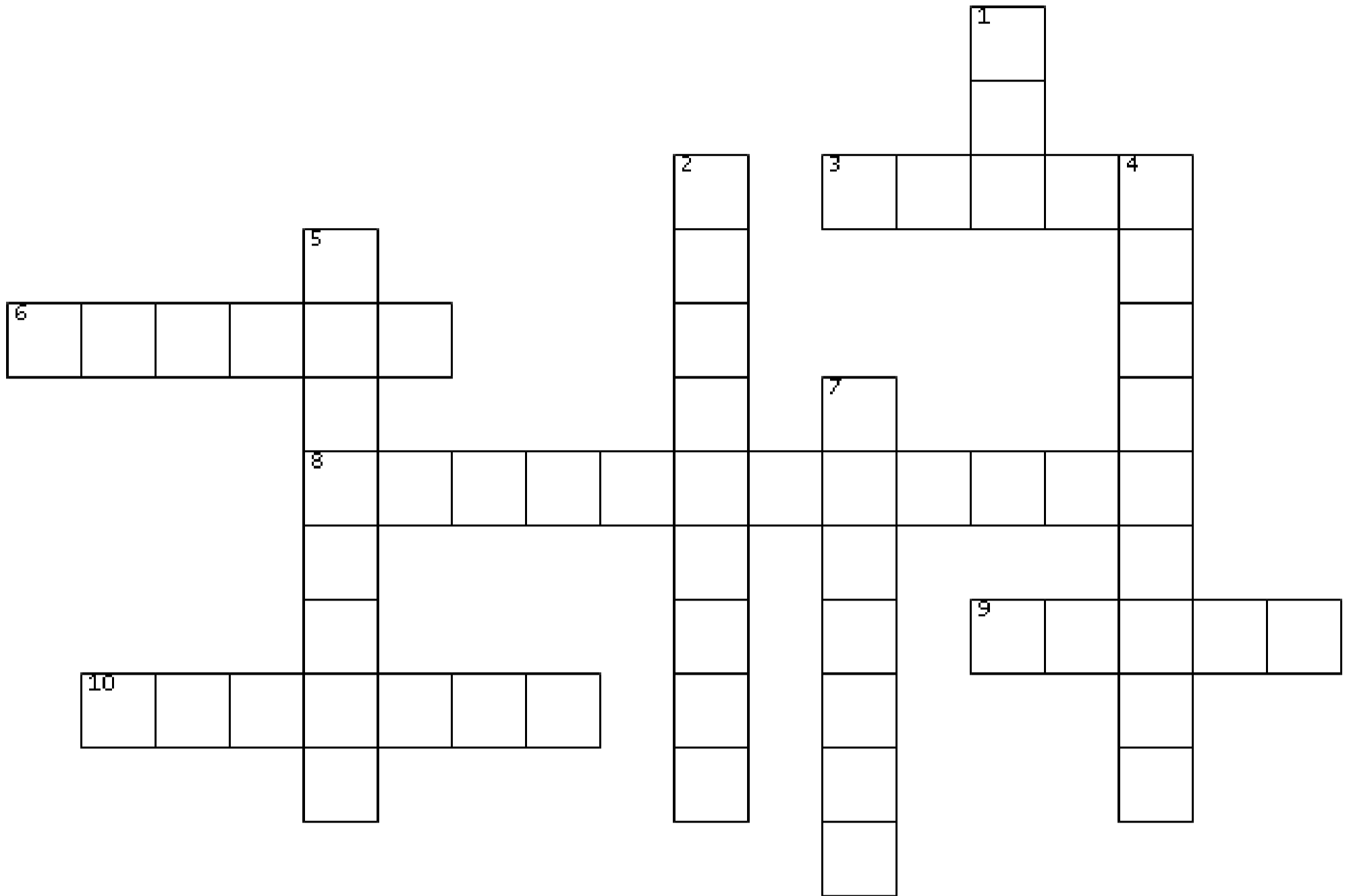


Thanks for all you do Charlene—MAP is so proud to have you on our team!





Summer Word Puzzle



Use the clues to fill in the words above.

Words can go across or down.

Letters are shared when the words intersect.

10 of 10 words placed.

ACROSS

- 3. Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act
- 6. Part B covers ____ visits
- 8. ____ Drug Plan
- 9. ____, Errors, and Abuse
- 10. BFCC-QIO

DOWN

- 1. Medicare Assistance Program
- 2. ____ Company
- 4. Medicare ____ plans are HMOs and PPOs
- 5. Part A is ____ insurance
- 7. ____ Enrollment Periods



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Summer has finally arrived!

And here comes the heat! Thinking of heading to the mountains to cool off? You need to take some extra precautions. Just because the air is cooler up there doesn't mean you can't get a sunburn. UV exposure increases 10% for every 3,280 feet in altitude. Lake Tahoe's elevation is 6,225 feet, so that's an increase of about 20%. Mt. Charleston is 11,916 feet above sea level, which means you'll get about 35% more UV rays!

- Protect your skin & eyes!
- Wear light-colored & loose fitting clothing.
- Don't forget your sunglasses.
- Wide-brimmed hats can help protect the top of your head along with your ears and your neck. Use sunscreen there too.
- Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! Drink at least 6-8 glasses of water a day (margaritas don't count).
- Fresh fruits and vegetables not only taste good, they can help hydrate too. Frozen grapes are delicious!
- Know the warning signs of heat stroke & heat exhaustion & what to do. Check out the Cleveland Clinic's website for more information. [Heat Stroke vs. Heat Exhaustion: Key Differences – Cleveland Clinic](#)

**Resources**

[Aging & Disability Services \(nv.gov\)](#) Adsd.nv.gov—State of Nevada, Aging and Disability Services

[Home - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services | CMS](#) CMS.gov—Resources & manuals for Medicare & Medicaid

[Nevada Division of Insurance \(nv.gov\)](#) Doi.nv.gov—State of Nevada, Division of Insurance, Medigap information

[Medicare.gov: the official U.S. government site for Medicare | Medicare](#) Medicare.gov—Information for people with Medicare, Medicare Plan Finder

[NeedyMeds](#) NeedyMeds.org—Resources for prescription and medical costs

[Home | State Health Insurance Assistance Programs \(shiptacenter.org\)](#) Shiptacenter.org—Training & resources for SHIP

[Senior Medicare Patrol | SMP | Medicare Fraud Protection \(smpresource.org\)](#) Smpresourcecenter.org - Training & resources for SMP

[ACL - Sign On](#) Smpship.acl.org—Access to the STARS & SIRS websites

[The United States Social Security Administration \(ssa.gov\)](#) SSA.gov—Social Security website