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### Seniors Reminded to Review, Make Changes to Medicare Advantage Coverage by March 31

NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey and SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, r emind Medicare beneficiaries about the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period in North Carolina. "Our health can change dramatically within a year's time," Commissioner Causey said. "If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, now is the right time to make sure you have the plan that best meets your needs."

If you're unhappy with your Medicare Advantage Plan (Medicare Part C) you have options. Each year, there is a Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period from Jan. 1 to March 31. During this time, if you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan and want to change your health plan, you can do one of these: • Switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan with or without drug coverage

Go back to Original Medicare and, if needed, also join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan

If you switch Medicare Advantage Plans or go back to Original Medicare with or without a Medicare drug plan, your new coverage will start the first day of the month after your new plan gets your request for coverage. Keep in mind, if you go back to Original Medicare now, you may not be able to buy a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy.

For assistance with Medicare questions, contact NC SHIIP at 1-855-408-1212 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to speak to a SHIIP counselor. In Anson County you can call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616. The Medicare Plan Finder can also help you find, compare and enroll in a new Medicare Advantage Plan or a Medicare drug plan in your area. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for help. TTY users can call 1- 877-486-2048.

The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period is only for people who are currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan.

It's important to understand and be confident in your Medicare coverage choices. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan and want to change your plan, check out your options today.

Remember, the Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment Period ends March 31.

SHIIP counselors are not licensed insurance agents. They do not sell, endorse, or oppose any product, plan or company. If you have questions about your specific plan, we encourage you to contact your insurance agent or insurance company.

## Grand Opening of Supreme Home Care and Wellness Lab

On Tuesday, February 15 a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of Supreme Home Care and Wellness Lab was held. Owner Tamara Garris is pictured along with Wadesboro Town Manager David Edwards, County Commissioner Jarvis Woodburn and Chamber of Commerce Director Shelby Emrich.

Supreme provides a variety of health testing services including rapid Covid and rapid flu tests with results in 5 minutes. All Covid tests are free with insurance. They offer quick drug testing for em-



ployment and heart healthy tests. Their 5 minute comprehensive rapid labs include: HIV, A1C, Cholesterol, Pregnancy Tests, STD Tests, Glucose, Hepatitis C, Drug Screening, Rapid Strept Testing, Hemoglobin and Hematocrit. Supreme also offers a comprehensive suite of in-home healthcare services

Supreme is located at 148 East Morgan Street, Suite B, in Wadesboro, at the corner of Morgan Street and Morven Road. The telephone number is 704-695-0694.



#### School Board Meeting for Monday, February 28 to be Live Streamed on YouTube

The Anson County Board of Education will hold their regular meeting on Monday, February 28. Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Open Session to the public will begin at about 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Anson Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the channel you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools." The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room,

located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Masks will be required for visitors.

If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in-person. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the board.

#### Because of You We Have Grown a Moment of History

This is a release from the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center: They were once small children attending Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, now they are both married and making the world a better place to live. They both spent numerous hours volunteering at BRLC, engaging the youth there. As children and youth the

variety of enriching programs and activities offered played a tremendous role during their years of growing. The community center continues providing children an opportunity to grow, explore, socialize and make life time friends Mrs. C. Rose graduated from Anson High School and has since graduated from Winston Salem State University with a Bachelors of Art Degree in Education. Mrs. Rose is presently employed by the Union County Educational System. Her administrative role is a position according Mrs. Rose one that's been very rewarding. She continues to help with the development and guidance of children which is her passion. Mr. Victor Medley is a graduate from Anson High School, then he enrolled and attended the University of Chapel Hill. He graduated with a Bachelors of Science Degree, then Medley prepared himself and set out to continue to help our country. He has found a career he really enjoys, working with the US Military Drone Department as part of his military duties. Both Rose and Medley promised to continue leading young people.



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