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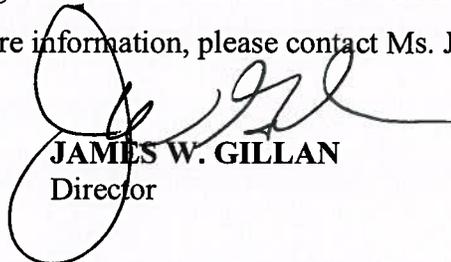
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MEDICARE GENERAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), in partnership with the Social Security Administration, Guam District Office, would like inform the community that Medicare Part B's General Enrollment Period (GEP) is from January 1st through March 31st. Medicare is a medical insurance program for people who are 65 or older, and for people who are disabled or have End Stage Renal Disease at any age. The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B is \$121.80. The Part B premium can be higher if one does not enroll during their initial enrollment period, or when they first became eligible. If enrolled during the GEP, the effective date of coverage will begin on July 1st.

If you are eligible and want to be covered by Medicare Part B medical insurance, now is the time to sign up with the Social Security Administration by visiting their office located at Suite 155 of the A.B. Won Pat Integrated Cargo Facility in Tiyan from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; and 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesdays; or you can enroll online through SSA's website at www.ssa.gov.

For more information about Medicare, visit the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website at www.medicare.gov, or read SSA's publication on Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html. Locally accessible assistance to learn more about Medicare is also provided by the Guam Medicare Assistance Program, within the Division of Senior Citizens (DSC), DPHSS, by calling 735-7421 or 735-7415 to schedule an appointment to see a trained Medicare counselor. For more information, please contact Ms. Joleen Almandres of DSC at 735-7421.



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