

2016 and 2017 SHIP and SMP Medicare Minute Topics

	*2016	**2017
January	What's New in 2016?	What's New in 2017?
February	Understanding Medicare Enrollment Periods	Part D Special Election Periods
March	Medicare Preventive Services	Medicare Coverage of Hospital Stays
April	Medicare Notices and Appeals	How Medicare Works With Current Employee Coverage
May	Medicaid and Other Programs to make Medicare More Affordable	Medicare Savings Programs
June	Medicare Part A-covered Services	Medicare and Medicaid
July	Durable Medical Equipment	Medicare and the Health Insurance Marketplace
August	Planning Ahead: Long-term Care, Advanced Directives, Hospice	Common Medicare Open Enrollment Notices
September	Open Enrollment Period	Open Enrollment Period
October	Understanding Part D Plan Selection	Protecting Yourself from Enrollment Fraud
November	Medigaps	Discharge Appeals
December	Who Pays First: Medicare and Other Types of Coverage	<i>To Be Determined</i>

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