**2017 Medicare Updates are here. Is your Medicare plan still right for you?**

**San Jose, October 4:** Sunday, October 15, 2016 marks the first day of the Medicare Annual Election Period. Every year, Medicare plans make changes to coverage, cost, and network providers. To assist persons 65 years of age and older interested in educating themselves, the Sourcewise Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program will be presenting “Medicare Plan Changes and Updates 2017” at six convenient locations throughout Santa Clara County.

“It’s important that individuals have a clear picture of updates/changes during this election period, because it can affect their health coverage and pocket books throughout the year. We ensure that residents have access to accurate, unbiased information to assist with their decision-making process,” explains Connie Corrales, Director of the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program at Sourcewise.

**Medicare Plan Changes & Updates 2017**

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| **Location** | **Date** | **Time** | **Address** |
| **Avenidas**  | 10/24/2016 | 1:30 p.m.– 2:30 p.m. | 450 Bryant Street Palo Alto, CA 94301 |
| **Eastside Neighborhood Center** | 11/1/2016 | 10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. | 2150 Alum Rock San Jose, CA 95116 |
| **Cupertino Senior Center**  | 11/14/2016 | 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. | 21251 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino, CA 95014 |
| **Sourcewise**  | 11/16/2016 | 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | 2115 The Alameda San Jose, CA 95126  |
| **Centennial Senior Center** | 11/17/2016 | 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | 171 W. Edmundson Ave. Morgan Hill, CA 95037 |
| **Gilroy Senior Center** | 12/1/2016 | 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. | 7371 Hanna Street Gilroy, CA 95020 |

Learn more at [www.mysourcewise.com](http://www.mysourcewise.com). State-certified counselors are available to assist individuals make informed decisions over the phone and at private, one-on-one counseling sessions.

**Important dates for 2016**

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| October 15, 2016 | Annual Election Period begins |
| December 7, 2016 | Last day to enroll in or change plans |
| January 1, 2017 | Changes to your plan take effect |
| January 1, 2017 | Disenrollment period begins for Medicare Advantage Plan participants |

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