



**VOLUNTEERS**  
**ASSISTING SENIORS**

**OUR MISSION:**  
**EMPOWERING SENIORS WITH THE**  
**KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE TO**  
**MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT**  
**THEIR BENEFITS.**

**Open Enrollment:**  
**Event Locations and Dates**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
10/17/24	9AM- 4PM	Bellevue Senior Center: 109 W 22nd Ave, Bellevue, 68005
10/23/24	10AM- 3PM	AARP Center Mall Location: 1941 S 42nd St, Suite 220, Omaha, 68105
10/24/24	9AM- 3PM	Montclair (Millard) Senior Center: 2304 S 135th St, Omaha, 68144
10/30/24	10AM- 3PM	AARP Center Mall Location: 1941 S 42nd St, Suite 220, Omaha, 68105
10/31/24	9AM- 3PM	Bethany Lutheran Church: 4200 N 204th St, Elkhorn, 68022
11/06/24	9AM-12PM	Grace Lutheran Church: 1326 S 26th St, Omaha, 68105
11/06/24	1PM-4PM	UNMC Engage Wellness Center: 730 S 38th Ave, Omaha, 68105
11/07/24	9AM- 3PM	Salvation Army Kroc Center: 2825 Y St, Omaha, 68107
11/13/24	9AM- 4PM	Digital Express at MCC: Fort Omaha Campus 30th and Fort, Building 10, Omaha, 68111
11/14/24	9AM-12PM	Friendship Center: 1730 W 16th St, Fremont, 68025
11/14/24	1PM-4PM	MCHHS-Blair Hospital: 810 N 22nd St, Grace Conference Room (LL), Blair, 68008
11/19/24	10AM- 2PM	Southeast Community College-Plattsmouth: 537 Main St, Plattsmouth, 68048
11/20/24	9AM- 4PM	Goodwill Training Center North: 4805 N 72nd St, Omaha, 68134
11/21/24	10AM- 12PM	Montclair (Millard) Senior Center: 2304 S 135th St, Omaha, 68144
12/04/24	10AM- 3PM	AARP Center Mall Location: 1941 S 42nd St, Suite 220, Omaha, 68105
12/05/24	9AM- 3PM	Goodwill Training Center South: 3505 L St, Omaha, 68107
12/07/24	9AM- 3PM	Volunteers Assisting Seniors: 900 S 74th Plaza, Suite 403, Omaha, 68114

All locations are by appointment only. Please call 402-444-6617 to schedule. Our phones are ringing directly to voicemail due to call volume, so please leave a detailed message that includes the following:

- Name (first and last)
- Phone Number
- Best time to reach you
- Reason for your call:
  - need an Open Enrollment appointment
- Location that you prefer
- **Do not leave your address, birth date, Social Security number, or Medicare number in your message**

We will also have phone and in-person appointments at our office available throughout Open Enrollment.

**Changes for 2025:**

**Why Open Enrollment is Important**

Medicare rules are dynamic, the Inflation Reduction Act will significantly affect prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage Plans in 2025. Key changes include closing the coverage gap ("donut hole"), a \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap, and implementing new rules for Advantage Plans that could raise expenses. A new level pay option will be available to spread drug costs across the year. It is important to review your plan so that you are not surprised by changes in January.

**Thank You to Scott Glaser**

Scott Glaser left Volunteers Assisting Seniors at the end of August to take a different position. While he will no longer be on staff, he has graciously offered to help with Open Enrollment. VAS wishes to thank Scott for his hard work and to wish him well at his new position.

**Medicare Fraud:**  
**Protect, Detect, Report**

Medicare fraud costs \$60 billion annually.

To prevent Medicare fraud and abuse:

- Safeguard your Medicare number
- Avoid unsolicited calls: **Medicare will not call you**
- Keep track of healthcare to spot errors or fraud

Report any suspicious activity to VAS as your local SMP office at 402-444-6617 or directly to Medicare.

**September Observances :**

- Healthy Aging Month
- National Healthcare Fraud Prevention and Awareness Month

**Coming in October:**

*More information on Medicare Changes for 2025*

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**HOURS**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
**8:30AM-4:30PM**

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