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MEDICARE NEWS

April 2020 Edition

The Coronavirus and You

**My goal with
this newsletter
is to:**

1

KEEP YOU INFORMED

I will be sharing current
articles about the
changes in Medicare.

2

ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

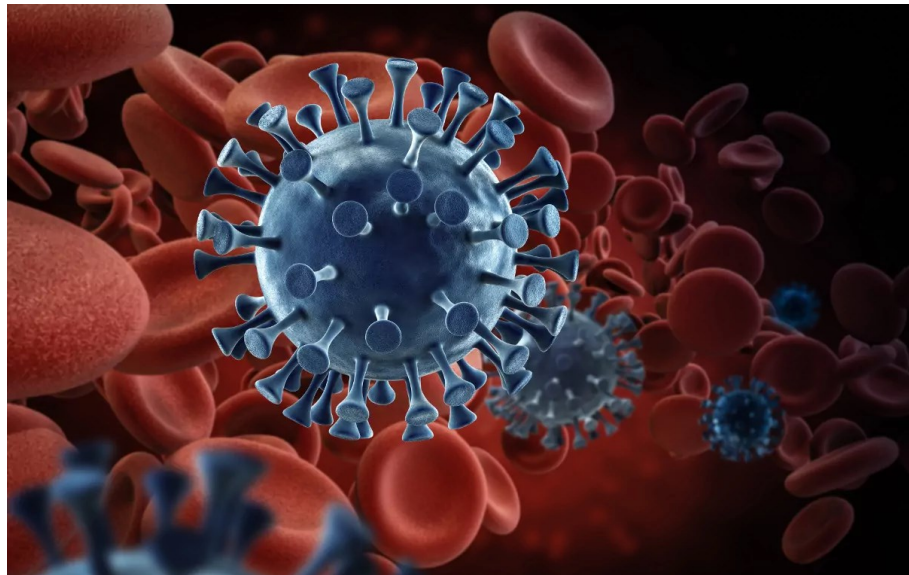
I'm available to answer
issues specific to you.

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STAY CONNECTED

I want to make
Medicare coverage as
simple as possible.

(858) 935-9120



Every day for weeks now, you cannot turn on the television or listen to the radio, or engage in a conversation that doesn't revolve almost exclusively around the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). It is a very unsettling feeling, and quite awe-inspiring at the same time. When you consider how microscopically minuscule this is, but how deadly it can be, it kind of takes your breath away.

There is no doubt that we are living in unprecedented times, and looking weeks, months and maybe even a year or more into the future, it is really hard to conceive what the "new normal" will look like once this is all behind us. And as humbling and crippling as this pandemic is, it has already started to bring out the best in many people. While much of our daily lives have been disrupted or even shut down – dining in a restaurant, having a drink with friends, many jobs have been reduced to even terminated, church services stopped, school and graduations either postponed or canceled altogether, etc. - we are seeing those people who still can afford to do so, stepping up to the plate.

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BIRTHDAYS

Marty S
Donald S
Steven B
Sally B
Ben M
Candice S
Bernard K
John L
John B
Tom J
Joe G
Maria P
De S
David J
Sharon W
Myrna W
Amy H
Laurie P
Jack P

Coronavirus article continued...

Some are contributing in smaller ways, like ordering takeout meals from their favorite neighborhood restaurants or not buying 6 cases of water and leaving none for someone else, and others who can, are paying the salaries of those who have lost their job or been laid off. Some retailers are setting aside certain hours on specific days of the week, where those who are elderly or most vulnerable can shop in less crowded conditions and get the necessities they need.

During all this chaos, we want you to know we are still here for you. As independent insurance agents, most of us work from our homes day-to-day, so this has had less of an impact on us. You can continue to call me with any questions or concerns you have, and I will be there to answer. Also, if you know someone who is getting close to Medicare age, please let them know what we can walk them through the entire process without having to be present in their home. By telephone, email, and virtual methods (like sharing my computer screen with them via a link I can send them by email), I can show them what Medicare is, how it works, and taking their medical and prescription drug needs into consideration, I can help them select the most appropriate and cost-efficient plan for them that will get them to all of their doctors. We can even sign them up for the plan through an online application that they can watch me fill out on their computer screen. We have the means to continue to help anyone who has Medicare concerns.

So please if you or someone you know, could use my help, have them contact me at 858-395-9120 and I will make sure they are well taken care of. subject, or between healthy brains and those showing signs of disease.

Social Security Locations Closed to Walk-ins

You may not have heard, but the Social Security Administration has closed all of its physical locations to in-person meetings and appointments. If you, or someone you know, have questions or need assistance with either your Social Security benefits or turning on your Medicare this will have to be done either online or over the phone.

Website: www.sss.gov/online-services

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

Fax: 1-815-572-0924

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Virtual Visits

Most doctor's offices are canceling scheduled appointments. If it is something that is non-urgent they are rescheduling several months out. If it is urgent, they are asking you schedule a "virtual visit" via your phone or FaceTime, or go to Urgent Care. Most insurance plans have started offering these virtual visits at no charge. For more information on how this works or if there is a charge for this service, please call the Customer Service number on the back of your insurance card, and they can assist you.

Fresh Spring Salad

Quick Spinach and Strawberry Salad

Prep: 10 mins

- 2 bunches spinach, rinsed and torn into bite-size pieces
- 4 cups sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds



1. In a large bowl, toss together the spinach and strawberries.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, sugar, paprika, sesame seeds, and poppy seeds. Pour over the spinach and strawberries, and toss to coat.

View full recipe: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/16409/spinach-and-strawberry-salad/>

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