

**The Post Rock Connection**  
**Post Rock Extension District #1 Family and Consumer Sciences Column**  
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**Check Your Medicare Coverage**

Are you enrolled in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan? Maybe you know someone who is. If so, you need to be aware that Part D open enrollment season begins October 15 and runs through December 7.

While you may be happy with your current plan, it is wise to compare offering each year to make sure you still have the best plan for you.

All Medicare beneficiaries with Part D coverage are receiving information in the mail about plan changes.

Don't assume that your plan coverage will be the same as it was last year.

This year a plan's maximum deductible is \$615. Plans often change which drugs are on their formulary (or list of covered medications), so you need to check to see that your medications are still on the list.

If you understand the changes being made and you are happy with your plan, you do not have to do anything to stay on the same plan for the following year.

Here are answers to some common questions about the 2026 Part D plans available in Kansas:

**How many plans are available?** There are 12 plans available for Kansas in 2026. Premiums for most plans have changed. The monthly premiums range from \$0 to \$147. This year there is only one plan with a \$0 monthly premium.

**If I had a Part D prescription drug plan in 2025, does my deductible start over in 2026?** Yes, your deductible will start over in 2026. Your deductible may be up to \$615, depending on your prescription drug plan. When you have met your deductible, your prescriptions plan will start paying its share toward your prescriptions.

**Which plan should I choose?** Choosing a plan is a very individualized decision, based on several factors, including cost, convenience, the medications that you take, and which plans will be accepted at your chosen pharmacy. The only way you know you have the best plan is to compare plans each year.

Remember, open enrollment begins on October 15. If you're switching plans, you must do so by December 7.

The new coverage for all plans begins on January 1.

Confused? Unsure? Don't know where to go for help? There are several options:

- Call your local K-State Extension office. Post Rock District has staff trained in Medicare and will be taking appointments to assist with Medicare Open Enrollment. Making an appointment is recommended as walk-in availability will be limited.
- Contact Medicare online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or by calling 1-800-633-4227.
- Medicare.gov: the official U.S. government site for Medicare
- Call the state SHICK hotline at 1-800-860-5260 to talk to a Senior Health Insurance Counselor for Kansans.
- Call your area agency on aging.

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##### Jewell County Senior Center at Mankato

- October 29- Call 785-378-3385
- November 13- Call 785-378-3174
- November 25- Call 785-378-3174

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- October 28- Call 785-524-4432
- November 4- Call 785-524-4738
- November 10- Call 785-524-4432
- December 3- Call 785-524-4432

##### Beloit Senior Center

- October 30- Call 785-738-5802
- November 6- Call 785-738-3597
- December 1- Call 785-738-3597

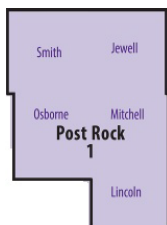
Osborne Public Library, call 785-346-2521

- October 16
- November 12
- November 18

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- October 27
- November 3
- November 17

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