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GRADD Awarded Grant to Assist Medicare Beneficiaries with Saving Money

GRADD has partnered with the National Council on Aging (NCOA) to help people with Medicare in the GRADD region improve their financial outlook by enrolling in programs that save money on health care, prescriptions, food, and more.

Nationally, half of all people with Medicare live on incomes less than \$24,150/year and often lack the resources needed to meet basic living expenses. Several programs exist to help these individuals, but many people do not know how to apply for assistance.

“GRADD has a strong history of helping vulnerable residents in its seven county region,” said Ken Lawson, NCOA Outreach Specialist. “We’re proud to be part of a national network of centers that since 2009 has helped 760,000 low-income older adults and younger adults with disabilities to save over half a billion dollars and achieve long-term financial stability.”

GRADD is one of 57 Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) funded by the NCOA to serve low-income Medicare beneficiaries in 31 states. BECs are supported with funding from the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, administered through the U.S. Administration for Community Living.

BECs use NCOA’s free online BenefitsCheckUp® tool www.BenefitsCheckUp.org/GRADD to screen lower income older adults, and younger adults with disabilities, for a number of benefits, including Medicare Savings Programs, Part D Extra Help, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), —and to help them apply for and use those benefits.

To see if someone you know qualifies for assistance, visit www.BenefitsCheckUp.org/GRADD or call 1.800.928.9094. For more information, contact: Ken Lawson 270.926.4433 or at kenlawson@gradd.com.

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency serving the communities of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties. GRADD offers assistance in the fields of aging, health, and social services; community and economic development; transportation planning; and workforce development. Our mission is to afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities, and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.

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