

## **MOVING TO A NEW STATE**

If you have Original Medicare you do not need to change your coverage. You will however need to notify your current health care provider so you can transfer medical records. You may also use any doctor or hospital in the country that accepts Medicare. Not sure which doctors in your new area accept Medicare? You can log on to Medicare.gov. And review the physician compare tool that offers you a list of providers accepting Medicare. Don't forget to go on the Social Security website <http://WWW.SSA.Gov> and update your information such as your mailing address. Another option is to visit your local social security office and have your information updated in person. Or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. If you are TTY you can call 1-800-325-077. Both of these numbers are week day only and are available Monday – Friday from 7am to 7pm.

## **MEDICARE ADVANTAGE (PART C) AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN (PART D)**

Moving outside your service area? This means it's time to enroll in a new plan that is within your new area. Because you are moving outside your service there will be a Special Election Period (SEP) to change your coverage. You will need to get in touch with your Medicare plan before you move, because your special election period starts the month before you leave and will end 2 months after you move. If you do not notify your plan until after you move, then your SEP will start the month you inform them and run for 2 months after. To determine which Medicare plans are in your service area, please call 1-800- MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for TTY Users 1-877-486-2048. Both numbers are 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

## **MEDIGAP (MEDICARE INSURANCE)**

As long as you keep your enrollment in Original Medicare, in most cases you can stay with your current Medicare coverage. Thinking about switching to a new Medigap plan that's offered in your new area? If you don't have guaranteed issued rights, there is a chance you will have to pay a higher premium. You could also be rejected if you have health problems.

Guaranteed Issue Rights – also known as “Medigap Protections” are special protections you have in certain situations to buy Medigap insurance. However, insurance companies cannot deny you coverage or charge you higher premiums because of pre-existing health conditions.