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NC-SHIIP coordinators gather for annual conference and training

(Hendersonville, N.C.) More than 100 North Carolina Senior Health Insurance Information Program (NC-SHIIP) coordinators from across North Carolina attended the N.C. Department of Insurance program's annual coordinators' conference in Greensboro, July 21-22. The group discussed upcoming initiatives such as the recent legislation establishing the Long-term Care Partnership program.

NC-SHIIP counselors help retirees with Medicare supplement options, health insurance and long term care policies, and provide assistance with filing claims. The next appointment dates are Tuesday, Sept. 28 and Tuesday, September 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pardee Health Education Center located in the Blue Ridge Mall. Call (828) 692-4600 for more information and to make an appointment.

"The recent conference provided me the information and instructions I need to better serve the Medicare recipients in Henderson County," said Jill Geis, County SHIIP coordinator. "Through the SHIIP program, we've been able to counsel 330 Medicare recipients and hold 11 outreach events in our community, during the past year."



SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance that offers free, objective information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance information. For more information about SHIIP or to get answers to Medicare questions, call (800) 443-0354 or visit www.ncshiip.com. The Henderson County SHIIP coordinating site is located in the Pardee Health Education Center and can be reached at (828) 692-4600.

The [Pardee Health Education Center](#) is a unique community outreach program of the hospital that provides an array of services from health fairs and screenings to seminars and support groups. Last year, the center provided more than 10,000 free and low-cost screenings to community members.

[Pardee Hospital](#) is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in [Henderson County](#). The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit www.pardeehospital.org.

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