



## News Release

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### **Columbia Housing Authority offers free Medicare counseling *Will provide resources to assist Medicare counseling***

Columbia, Mo. — Free, unbiased insurance counseling for people on Medicare is now available at Columbia Housing Authority.

Columbia Housing Authority has joined Missouri CLAIM, a state program for Missourians on Medicare. As a CLAIM community partner, Columbia Housing Authority will provide a home office for CLAIM's trained, certified volunteer counselors. Volunteers will work out of the Columbia Housing Authority's headquarters to provide free Medicare insurance counseling and assistance to area Medicare beneficiaries.

"Columbia Housing Authority's new partnership provides a 'home base' for volunteers in the area," said Carol Beahan, director of the CLAIM program. "These locations increase local access to Medicare education and assistance. We're excited and proud to have Columbia Housing Authority join our team."

CLAIM leads a network of volunteers and organizations in Missouri dedicated to providing help with Medicare issues. CLAIM provides free and confidential Medicare assistance through a network of more than 300 certified volunteers. These volunteers answer questions about Medicare benefits, options and changes.

CLAIM was founded in 1993 and has helped Missourians save millions in out-of-pocket expenses by helping beneficiaries understand their Medicare benefits and by providing enrollment assistance.

CLAIM receives financial assistance from the Administration for Community Living and the Missouri Department of Insurance. Services are provided by Primaris, a Columbia-based health care company.

For free, unbiased Medicare assistance or to apply to become a volunteer, visit [missouryclaim.org](http://missouryclaim.org) or call (800) 390-3330.

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