



## News Release

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### Local Medicare assistance continues through Citizens Memorial Healthcare

#### *Celebrating 11 Years Partnership with CLAIM*

Bolivar, Mo. — For 11 years Citizens Memorial Healthcare has helped local residents understand Medicare. That help has come through a partnership with CLAIM, the official state health insurance assistance program. CLAIM leads a network of volunteers and organizations dedicated to providing help with Medicare issues.

Today, Citizens Memorial Healthcare and CLAIM have announced the extension of that service for an additional three years. Citizens Memorial Healthcare will continue to provide a home for in-person meetings and access to equipment, such as a computer and telephone. Trained volunteers will continue working out of Bolivar to provide free assistance to Medicare beneficiaries.

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.

“As the Medicare program becomes increasingly complex, the need for these services grows. Without organizations like Citizens Memorial Healthcare, our program would not be possible,” said Carol Beahan, director of CLAIM.

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.

The nonprofit program 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 consulting firm.

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

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