



NEWS RELEASE – Area Agency on Aging District 7

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AAA7's Bowman Named Volunteer of the Year

Kristy Bowman, Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7) Benefits Specialist, was recently named Volunteer of the Year with the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP).

OSHIIP is part of the Ohio Department of Insurance and provides Medicare beneficiaries with free, objective health insurance information, one-on-one counseling, and educates consumers about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D), Medicare Advantage options, and Medicare supplement insurance.

Bowman, who has been an OSHIIP Volunteer since 2007, was noted for having worked tirelessly for residents in her ten-county region through her work at the Area Agency on Aging District 7. These ten counties include: Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton. In the past, Bowman has also been recognized as Coordinator of the Year for OSHIIP in 2013 and also served on the OSHIIP Voluntary Advisory Board.

In her role at the AAA7, Bowman assists Medicare beneficiaries with help and assistance through a number of ways, including: Medicare premium assistance, program eligibility determination and applications, Medicare Part D applications, help with finding a Medicare supplemental insurance, assistance with general questions about Medicare, and providing referrals to AAA7 and community resources.

Those having questions about Medicare or who would like assistance with any of the aforementioned can call Bowman at 1-800-582-7277 or e-mail kbowman@aaa7.org.

Your local Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. provides services on a non-discriminatory basis in ten counties in Southern Ohio including Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton. These services are available to help older adults and those with disabilities live safely and independently in their residence of choice through services paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, other federal and state resources, as well as private pay. The AAA7's Resource Center is also available to anyone in the community looking for information or assistance with long-term care options. Available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, the Resource Center is a valuable contact for learning more about options and what programs and services are available for assistance.

Those interested in learning more can call toll-free at 1-800-582-7277 (TTY: 711). Here, individuals can speak directly with a trained Resource Specialist who will assist them with information surrounding the programs and services that are available to best serve their needs. The Agency also offers an assessment at no cost for those who are interested in learning more. Information is also available on www.aaa7.org, or the Agency can be contacted through e-mail at info@aaa7.org. The Agency also has a Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7.

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