



## **Informed Aging**

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# **BE AWARE OF VOTING, MEDICARE DEADLINES**

This fall, two important deadlines are facing Ohio's senior citizens: Voter registration and Medicare prescription drug open enrollment.

In order to vote in the upcoming November 6, 2012 election, residents must register to vote by October 9, 2012. If you need to update your voter information, it must be done by this deadline. Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are available at the local Board of Elections.

Absentee ballots make it easier for older adults to exercise their right to vote in the comfort of their home. Ballots will be available on October 2, 2012 and must be returned by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. The absentee ballot can be submitted either in person or by mail to the Board of Elections. In person absentee voting will take place at: 1700 Morse Road Columbus, OH 43224 (previously Kohl's) beginning October 2, 2012.

Every year, people with Medicare get to evaluate the health and drug plans that work best for them. The Open Enrollment period starts on October 15th and ends December 7th. This gives people with Medicare a full seven weeks to compare and make decisions, and ensures that they will have essential plan materials and membership cards in hand on January 1, 2013 when new coverage starts.

Medicare beneficiaries in Franklin County will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with trained counselors at the Senior Living Festival, October 31, 2012 at Veterans Memorial from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to receive a Medicare Part D drug benefit comparison.