

For information about this announcement
Call Tim Sonnenburg
530-898-6641

**Public Service Announcement
For Immediate Release**

Medicare Counselors Needed

PASSAGES Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) is looking for individuals to help people with Medicare navigate the complex healthcare system. Beginning in 2011 the first “*baby boomers*” began to enter Medicare and it is estimated that over 10,000 boomers turn 65 each day and they’ll keep turning 65 until 2029.

Why should boomers or anybody choose to volunteer? Research has proved that volunteering is beneficial to the volunteer, and that there is a strong relationship between volunteering and the health of volunteers. Volunteers have lower mortality, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression. Comparisons of the health benefits of volunteering for different age groups have shown that older volunteers are the most likely to receive greater benefits from volunteering. Historian Steven Gillon calls boomers “the largest single generation in our country’s history” and by volunteering boomers can continue the idealism the generation is known for.

After thorough training both on and off the job, HICAP volunteers help clients understand Medicare, including supplemental and drug insurance, Medicare health plans and long term care coverage. Volunteers become registered with the California Department of Aging, and provide answers to many questions and problems that confront Medicare recipients.

Interested candidates can call Tim Sonnenburg at 898-6641 for a job description and application.

HICAP is a program of PASSAGES, an organization dedicated to help older adults and family caregivers with important services to empower them to remain confident in their ability to sustain and enjoy independent lives. For more information about available services call 1-800-822-0109 or go to www.passagescenter.org.

~ 25 Main Street, Room 202, Chico CA ~
~ Mailing Address: PASSAGES HICAP, 400 West 1st Street, Chico, CA 95929-0799 ~
530-898-5923 ~ 800-822-0109
~ www.passagescenter.org ~