



Dear Patient:

Recently, the Medicare Modernization Act introduced several new options for Medicare eligible patients. These plans are called Medicare Advantage Plans and currently there are over 450 of them nationwide, offered by a number of private insurance companies. Since SouthCoast does not participate with all of these plans, we want to provide you with information regarding our participation so that you may include this in your decision making process. Of course, SouthCoast will continue to participate fully with Medicare Part B (“traditional Medicare”).

While SouthCoast does not endorse Medicare Advantage Plans and encourages you to research them carefully, we recognize that some of our patients may opt to select one for their health care coverage. Because of this, the physicians of SouthCoast Medical Group have made the decision to participate with a limited number of these plans in 2008. A list of these plans is attached for your review. Should you enroll with a plan that is not on the list, your SCMG physician can continue to see you on a self-pay basis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your SouthCoast physician’s office. You may also visit the following links for more information regarding the Medicare Advantage Plans:

<http://www.medicarerights.org/>

[http://www.medicareadvocacy.org/FAQ\\_ManagedCare.htm](http://www.medicareadvocacy.org/FAQ_ManagedCare.htm)

<http://www.aarp.org>

Thank you.

Best regards,

John Marrero  
Administrator

SouthCoast Medical Group  
2009 Participating Medicare Advantage Plans

1. SouthCoast participates on all Medicare “Private Fee for Service” programs licensed in Chatham, Bryan an Effingham Counties.
2. SouthCoast participates on all Coventry and WellPoint HMO programs licensed in Chatham, Bryan an Effingham Counties.