

November 20, 2024

Dear Patient:

We want to reach out to you with some important information about **Mason County Medicare Advantage plans for 2025.** The Medicare Open Enrollment period for 2025 started October 15, 2024, and ends on December 7, 2024.

Mason Health (Mason General Hospital, Mason Clinic and Mason Clinic Hoodsport) continues to participate in the traditional Medicare program. General Medicare information is available at 800-633-4227 and at <u>www.Medicare.gov</u>.

In addition to traditional Medicare, **Mason Health** also has agreements with and will be <u>fully in-network</u> for the following Medicare Advantage plans in 2025 (innetwork means your patient out-of-pocket cost may be lower for the service):

- AARP Medicare Advantage from UHC (UnitedHealthcare)
- PEBB and Federal Retiree Plan UnitedHealthcare
- Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage
- Humana Medicare Advantage
- WellCare Medicare Advantage

Several 2024 Medicare Advantage plans who are in Mason County in 2024 are not serving our county in 2025. Medicare's annual open enrollment can be difficult at times, so we encourage you to reach out for assistance if needed. Senior Services for the South Sound runs our local State Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program for Mason County. SHIBA volunteers are available at 360-586-6181. They are trained experts and can answer your questions or schedule an appointment to assist you. We suggest that you contact SHIBA first.

For questions regarding this letter or services offered at Mason Health, you may contact our In-Person Assistors at 360-427-3601, option 3. Please note that due to federal government regulations, Mason Health is not allowed to answer questions about specific plans or make plan recommendations.

Thank you,

Mason Health