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## HIS ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

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What this means to most civilians is not very much at all but to others, the President, most elected officials and all military personnel upon entry into the Armed Forces it is part of their oath of office, the oath itself is a binding legal and moral act.

President Trump has made the statement that he may refuse to leave office

if the election is not favorable to him, we would have to wait and see. If he in fact would choose to defy that election, he would in a sense become a domestic enemy of the people.

This was written in an open letter to General Mark Milley the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by some retired military officers who are saying that at

that time it would require military action to remove him from the building.

They claim that they were reminding him of his duty that if it did happen, he must give the order. This may only be a plausible scenario and if you believe that a President would never do such a thing or that others would never let him do it then you can go back to sleep.

The appeals to remove an ex-President who refuses to step down by military force. In my opinion this is misguided and dangerous. In a sense it would look like the mounting of a military coup if not one.

The removable of anyone from the White House is the job of the United States Secret Service and not the United States Military. We should always keep them separate and never the same.

Joe Biden also has said that the military would intervene if Trump refuses to leave the White House. If he in fact believes this then maybe he should not be our Commander in Chief.

If the Officers who wrote the letter and Mr. Biden do not know about the U.S. Constitution or its contents, then they should take the time to find out about it. The military is not to be the pawn of just a few or for that fact strictly for the government. The military is for the protection of our country and its citizens.

VFW Chapter 9211 and VVA Chapter 989. In his roles with the VVA, he supported his Chapter's efforts with the Veterans Guest House, Northern Nevada Veterans Home, and the Chapter's, veteran scholarship.

In 2017, Allen was an active participant in the Northern Nevada Native American Honor Flight that brought together Native American Veterans from WWII to the present. During the 2019,

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# TAIWAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NORTH AMERICA 32 GIFT OF MASK AWARDS

Earlier this year members of the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce of North America (TCCNA) put together over \$1 million dollars to purchase surgical/procedural masks to donate to seniors, veterans groups and first responders. Masks were given to local affiliates to be distributed within their individual communities throughout the U.S.

Su Phelps, editor and owner of the Veterans Reporter News is a member of the board of TCCNA and the secretary of the local Taiwan Chamber of Commerce of Greater Las Vegas (TCCGLV). As the former president and founder of TCC-

GLV, Phelps was given the honor of distributing masks to groups in the greater Las Vegas Valley.

Awards earlier this month include donations to the – North Las Vegas Boy Scout Troop 669 (10.19), Purple Heart 711 (10.3.20), Scottish American Military Association (10.3.20), Vets Helping Vets (10.7.20), VFW Post 3848 (10.7.20), Marine Corp Detachment 186 (10.9.20), Vietnam Veterans Chapter 17 (10.10.20), American Legion China Post 1 (10.10.20), and American Legion 149 (10.11.20).



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# NEVADA VFW STATE COMMANDER BELTRAN AND AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARSHALL HOMECOMING

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NV VFW State Commander Henry Beltran presented an Award of Recognition to Richard Marshall for his work in the opening of a new VFW post 12198



Boy Scout Troop 669 Troop Leader Mike Contreas received the mask from TCCNA32

On September 19, 2020 a homecoming celebration for Nevada VFW State Commander Henry (Butch) Beltran and VFW Auxiliary State President Sandra Marshall. The welcoming ceremony to congratulate the State

Commander and State Auxiliary President into office was hosted by VFW Post 10047 and Auxiliary in Las Vegas. Commander Beltran presented several awards to VFW Posts and members for outstanding service. Due to COVID-19 the presentation of awards was postponed until now.



A special citation was awarded to Richard (Tony) Marshall from Past National Commander-in-Chief William (Doc) Schmitz for his diligence in instituting Nevada's newest VFW Post Stephen Gibbs Post 12198, in N. Las Vegas.

Beltran and several others presented a number of awards to posts throughout the state for a variety of accomplishments and recognitions. Those included an award to the Stephen P. Gibbs Memorial Post 12198, Las Vegas from VFW Commander in Chief Kevin C. Jones, Adjutant General.

A Certificate Plaque was awarded to the Corporal Matthew Collins Memorial Post 36 and its Auxiliary in Boulder City, NV from the VFW of U.S., for the 2019-2020, National Outstand-



NV State VFW Commander Henry Beltran & NV State VFW Auxiliary President Sandra Marshall

ing Community Post Service Award. They were also presented with the "first ever" street sign that could be posted in their community.

The U.S. VFW also recognized the All American Post Award Karen W. Wagner Post 12119 in Recognition of Outstanding contributions made to the members of VFW Post 12119 that has resulted in their post having ... as a member of the all American team. The award included a plaque and a "hat" for the "All American Team Captain" and a certificate of recognition for his leadership.

**Other awards included White Hats, pins and additional presentations.**

Nevada State VFW Auxiliary President Sandra Marshall, was introduced to the event of well wishers. Mrs. Marshall who has held many offices within the Organization invited all to join her in support of her Special Project, "Veterans in Crisis/Homeless Veterans. No Veteran should be homeless or in a crisis without assistance. Our obligation is never over until our task has been completed.

Before the opening of the official presentations VRN editor Su Phelps made a donation of surgical masks on behalf of the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce of North America to the North Las Vegas Boy Scout Troop 669 who acted as the honor guard for the event. Ms. Phelps is the secretary of the Taiwan Chamber of Commerce of Greater Las Vegas



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and was tasked by TCCNA to distribute masks in southern Nevada.

Ms. Phelps also presented masks to each of the VFW Chapters which were in attendance at the event.



## Tien Pu Temple Las Vegas Nevada

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# Evora Groundbreaking Marks Major New Development in Las Vegas While Benefitting Opportunity Village's 'Betty's Village'



Front row: Commissioner Michael Naft, Joe Sorge Owner of Evora and Sam Nicholson President of Grand Canyon Development Partners

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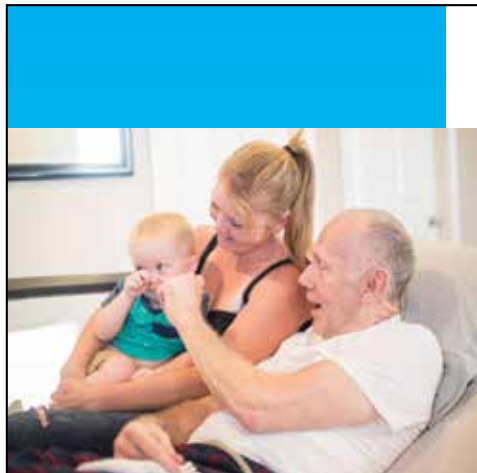
As part of the Oct. 15 groundbreaking ceremony, Grand Canyon Development Partners, OS Construction Services and Evora Owner Joe Sorge pitched in to show support of one of Las Vegas' most beloved non-profit organizations, Opportunity Village. The businesses presented a \$9,000 check to help fund operations of Betty's Village, an inclusive residential community adjacent to Opportunity Village's Ralph & Betty Engelstad campus that is slated to open in May 2021.

Grand Canyon Development Partners partnered with OS Construction Services, Inc. to kick off construction on the first phase of Evora, a 42-acre mixed-use development at South Buffalo Drive and West Patrick Lane.

Evora's master plan includes 1,343 residential units, approximately 240,000 square feet of commercial space, subterranean parking and resort-style amenities. The initial phase of construction will activate the site by offering a 1.5-acre public plaza with a performance pavilion, a unique combination of res-

operations of Betty's Village, an inclusive residential community adjacent to Opportunity Village's Ralph & Betty Engelstad campus that is slated to open in May 2021.

Speakers that took part in the groundbreaking ceremony were County Commissioner Michael Naft, Opportunity Village Vice President of Philanthropy Adam Joseph, Grand Canyon Development Partners President Sam Nicholson, OS Construction Services Inc. President Kevin Zahm and Evora Owner Joe Sorge.



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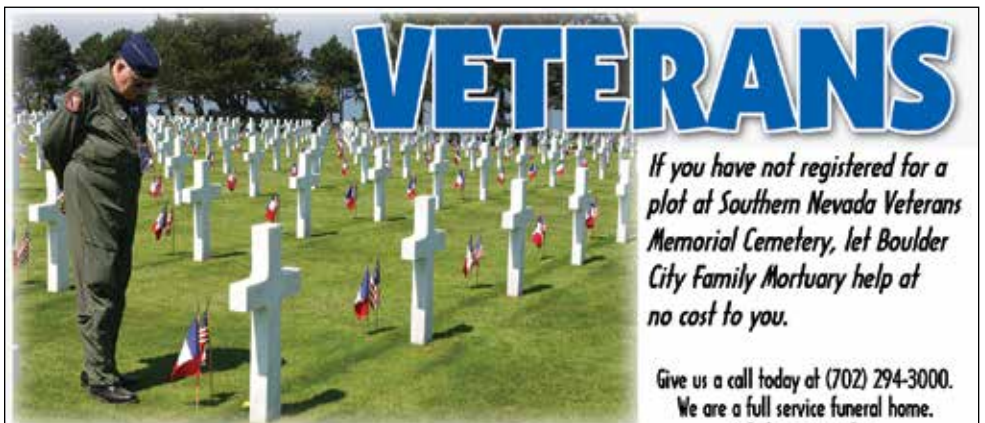


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# U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Sign Memorandum of Agreement to Enhance Services to Veterans

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) signed a Memorandum of Agreement today to further collaboration between the VA's Veteran Readiness and Employment

Service (VR&E) and the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS).

VETS and VR&E began joint efforts 25 years ago to serve their mutual par-

ticipants and signed the first MOA. The agreement formalized both agencies' commitment to continue their cooperative efforts to help achieve participants' employment goals.

Since then, both agencies have made great strides to create a strong partnership to benefit veterans through efforts such as joint training initiatives; information exchanges; routine and open communication lines; problem solving; and disciplined, proactive oversight. Since the first MOA's implementation, the number of disabled veterans finding suitable employment has increased steadily.

"The Veterans' Employment and Training Service's vision is to enable all veterans to reach their full potential in the workplace," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment and Training Service John Lowry. "The strategic partnership between VETS and the Veteran Readiness and Employment Service is a powerful example of federal agencies working together on behalf of veterans of all eras."

"At the Veterans Benefits Administration, strong cross-agency partnerships are core to the accomplishment of our mission of delivering benefits and services to our veteran community," said Under Secretary for Benefits Dr. Paul Lawrence.

The work we've accomplished together with the Veterans' Employment and Training Service's team is a perfect example of high-performing, integrated partnerships paying off in better opportunities for veterans."

VETS oversees the Jobs for Veterans State Grant program that assists veterans with significant employment barriers. Each year, the grant supports individualized career and training-related services for more than 40,000 veterans who attain employment, while VETS' job training, employment accommodations, resume development and job placement assistance helps more than 10,000 veterans find employment. In 2020, the two agencies are collaborating to increase the number of VR&E participants who enroll in apprenticeships. With an average starting annual salary of \$70,000 and a post apprenticeship retention rate over 90 percent, this collaboration will benefit veterans and their employers.

VETS prepares America's veterans, service members and spouses for meaningful careers, provides them with employment resources and expertise, protects their employment rights and promotes their employment opportunities. Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, VETS remains at work serving its Transitioning Service Members, veterans and military spouses, along with state workforce agencies and its other partners.

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

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District 8	Edward "Eddie" Facey	District 17	Jack Polcyn	District 35	Jay Calhoun
District 9	Barbara Altman	District 18	Heather Ann Florian	District 37	Andy Matthews
District 10	Chris Hisgen	District 19	Ann "Annie" Black	District 41	Erika Smith

**JUDICIAL RACES ARE NON-PARTISAN.** The NRC Board of Directors recommends the following candidates, regardless of their political party affiliation at the time of candidate filing. Hence, there are recommended candidates who are registered Democrats. Our recommendations are based on each candidate's competency, reputation, experience, courtroom demeanor and fairness. In one race, the Board declined to make a recommendation because, in our opinion, the candidates are equally qualified.

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**Veteran of the Month**



Legislative Session, he worked as unpaid lobbyist to support the interest of veterans and active duty service members. He volunteers as a board member for the Veteran Development Group, pairing veterans with employers and assist veterans with resume writing and interviewing skills. In his capacity as an attorney, he has worked in support of the Office of Military Legal Assistance providing pro bono legal services to Nevada's veterans and active duty family members. This dedication to community also extends outside of the veteran community, where he works with Nevada Legal Services to provide pro bono legal services to individuals in need.

Morse is the president and one of the founding members of Honor Flight Southern Nevada. Before that, she was a volunteer for Honor Flight Nevada and a volunteer at the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH) in Boulder City. Morse learned about Honor Flight when her children's great grandfather had the opportunity to participate in a flight. Afterwards, she began volunteer-

ing with Nevada Honor Flight of Reno. She soon realized that a second branch was needed to support all the veterans from the greater Las Vegas area. Upon this realization, she worked with partners to organize Honor Flight Southern Nevada in 2013. She has since been tasked with fundraising for the trips and organizing reunion luncheons for the attendees. She works with Quilts of Valor, a group that makes military themed quilts and photo albums.

The Veteran of the Month is awarded to veterans across Nevada who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, specifically with respect to volunteer work in support of veterans and the military. The Veteran Supporter of the Month award recognizes both organizations and non-veteran Nevada community members who support military members stationed in Nevada, Nevada veterans, and their families. Both programs shine a bright light on individuals and organizations that help military members, veterans, and their families with no expectation of recognition or award.

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event every year, it builds muscle-memory. They understand how the POD operates and it builds familiarity with the necessary process. “

COVID-19 has created additional challenges for the POD exercise. “We had to run things

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev. – Every year, VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System holds a Point-of-Dispensing (POD) exercise to provide flu shots to staff and Veterans, as well as practice emergency management techniques. This year, the coronavirus pandemic has made the flu vaccine and POD exercise more critical than ever.

“In previous years, staff were given the option to receive the flu vaccine, this year it is mandatory,” said Felix Acevedo, VASNHS’ emergency manager. “We’re getting great participation from both Veterans and VA employees so far.

Since opening the POD on Sept. 30, VASNHS has processed 1,767 VA staff, Veterans, and volunteers. This doesn’t include the hundreds of Veterans and staff who received their flu shots through the VA at other locations as well as in the community since distribution began last month.

In addition to the distribution of flu vaccinations, the POD exercise has a secondary purpose as a training tool for VASNHS personnel. “During a public health emergency or biological threat, a POD provides us with the ability to treat the masses with antibodies or countermeasures, depending on what the threat is,” said Acevedo. “By practicing this

a little bit different this year by maintaining physical distancing while requiring maximum participation among VASNHS staff,” said Acevedo. “Our lines were a bit longer, and masking was strictly enforced.”

With the potential for a COVID vaccine in the near future, VASNHS staff used the POD as a way to prepare employees and Veterans for a large-scale vaccination event. “We anticipate that when a COVID vaccine becomes available, we will go through the same procedures, and our staff is going to be better equipped to facilitate the process,” he said.

While there is still a ways to go to meet the goal of 100% compliance, Acevedo believes that there has been great participation so far. “People have a sense of urgency,” he said. “Our staff sees how important it is to be part of the solution in keeping our staff and Veterans safe from illness, whether that is the flu or COVID-19.”

Veterans who have not yet received their flu shot can get them at the North Las Vegas VA Medical Center, any of our Primary Care Clinics, or from participating community partners. For more information, please visit <https://www.lasvegas.va.gov/flushots.asp>



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LAS VEGAS – Oct 6, 2020 – For the 27th year, Walker Furniture’s “Home For The Holidays” program is assisting individuals and families in need in Clark County. Walker Furniture is seeking nomination letters from the community through Dec. 9, 2020. The search will ultimately provide 35 recipients with an entire houseful of new furniture.

“For all of us at Walker Furniture, this is always a special time of the year for giving, and with the pandemic this year hitting our community especially hard even more families are going to need a helping hand,” said Larry Alterwitz, owner. “Our Home for the Holidays program is life altering for many folks who for a myriad of unfortunate circumstances have found themselves in rather desperate need for furniture. We feel it’s the least we can do to lift a burden for 35 families.”

Partnering again this year with Walker, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley is the preliminary committee reading all the letters. Their expertly trained staff visit and identify the nominated families evaluating the most genuine need. Las Vegas Rescue Mission is supplying food and toys, Star Nursery is providing Christmas trees to the families along with support from other vendors and community entities.

The nominating letters describing a person or family’s situation are important to bring attention to an unfortunate situation. Anyone in the community can

submit a letter including teachers, health care professionals, social service workers, clergy, friends, neighbors, and family members. Sending letters early is recommended.

Letters explain extraordinary and often heart-wrenching problems in our community, which run the gamut of hardships including: families with children suffering from physical

or mental disorders; the loss of homes and belongings from fires; single-parent households with financial difficulty; and families affected by illness, domestic violence or sexual abuse are just some examples. It’s shocking how many families don’t have beds, chairs, dining table, etc.

Letters must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, to be reviewed by the outside, independent panelists. Helping Hands of Vegas Valley, local non-profit organization servicing seniors, will read and verify the thousands of letters received. An Executive Committee comprised of Mayor Carolyn Goodman, community leaders, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Clark County Fire Department, and local media personalities will make the final selection for the 35 recipients, who will be notified the week of Dec. 14. Furniture deliveries will begin Friday, Dec. 18.

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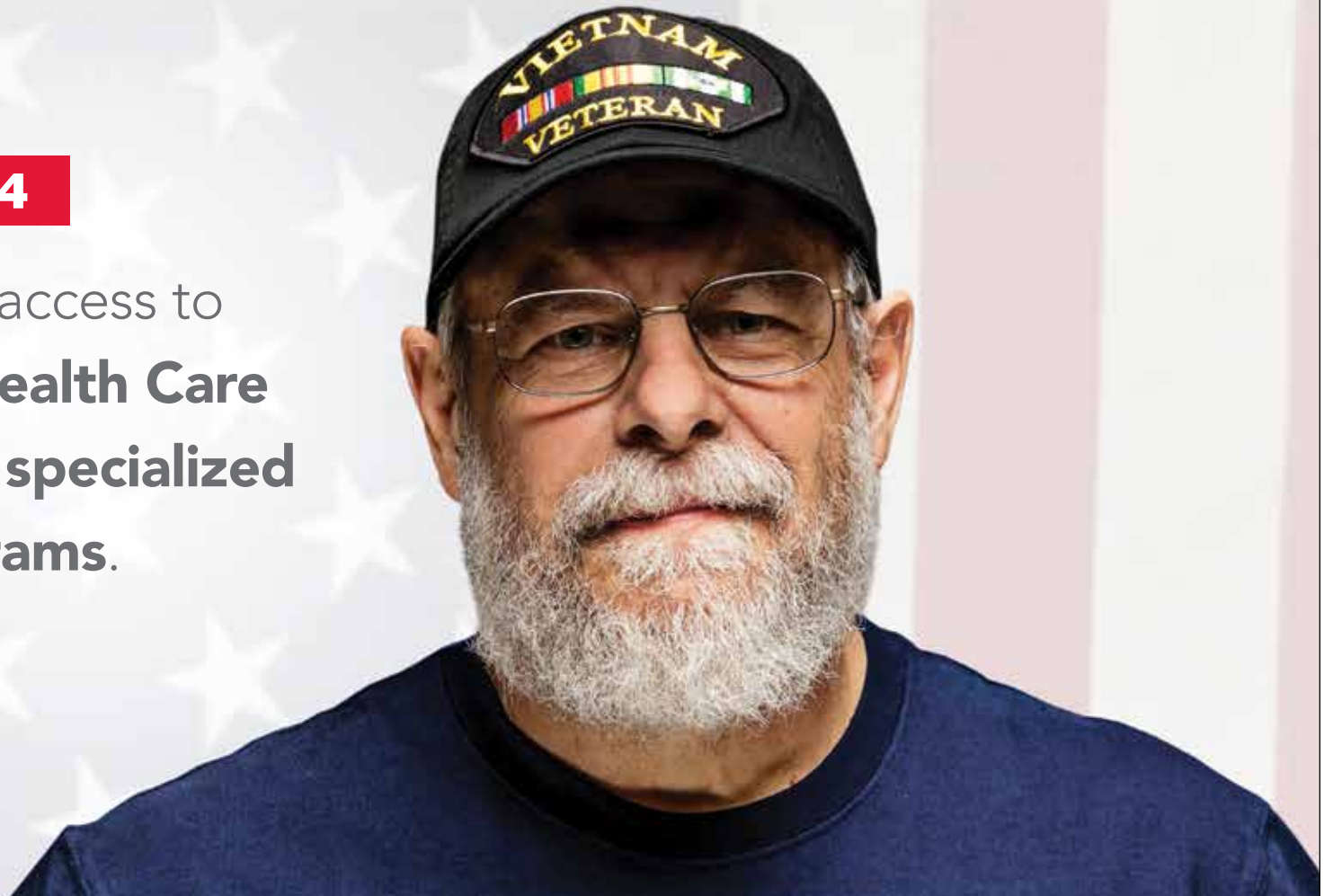
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# Medicare, Made Simple

■ By CJ Bawden, Director of Government Programs at Hometown Health

**D**o you qualify for Medicare but do not know which plan is right for you? Understanding the difference between Medicare plans can be a cost-effective way to get the healthcare you need. Below is a breakdown of what each Medicare plan offers.



Part B and a premium to a private company for Part D.

Original Medicare with a Medicare Supplement Plan and a Prescription Drug Plan: In this type of coverage, Original Medicare pays first, then the selected supplement plan steps in to cover most of the costs that Medicare did not

cover. Your prescription drug plan will cover a portion of your medications.

With this plan, you pay for Medicare Part B, the premium of the Medicare Supplement (that increases each year) and the premium for your Prescription Drug Plan.

Medicare Advantage: Medicare Advantage Plans, or Medicare Part C, cover Medicare Part A, B and D all in one plan. These plans typically have networks that individuals are required to use. Medicare Advantage has added bonuses including gym benefits dental, vision, hearing aids and over the counter medications. Medicare Advantage plans provide all of your coverage through one company and are available for \$0 per month. All members must still pay their Medicare Part B premium.

Senior Care Plus is here to help you navigate your Medicare Advantage plans. Visit seniorcareplus.com to learn more about the different plans. Open enrollment is from Thursday, Oct. 15 to Monday, Dec. 7.

CJ Bawden is the Director of Government Programs for Hometown Health. He has spent the last decade working in the insurance industry. A Medicare expert, CJ is responsible for the company's 4-star Medicare Advantage Plan, Senior Care Plus. He can be reached at 775-982-3100.

## So, what is Medicare?

Medicare is a government health insurance program for individuals that are 65 years of age or older and have worked a total of 10 years or are married to an eligible individual. Individuals that are under the age of 65, disabled and have received Social Security disability payments for 24 months or more are also eligible for Medicare.

## What are the differences between Medicare Parts A, B, C and D?

Medicare Part A – most individuals are automatically enrolled in Medicare A on their 65th birthday. Medicare Part A covers hospital care.

- Medicare Part B – individuals must elect to enroll in Medicare Part B, which covers doctors and specialists.
- Medicare Part C – also called Medicare Advantage plans, this plan has Part A, B and D all in one.
- Medicare Part D – individuals must also enroll in Medicare Part D, which has prescription drug coverage.

## Here is a breakdown of the three combinations of Medicare Plans available to individuals:

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We specialize in difficult to treat chronic pain conditions; chronic low back pain after back surgery without hardware (post laminectomy syndrome) and with hardware (post spine fusion pain) The options are limited, and some are risky (including more back surgery). Most pain management physicians can only continue to treat these patients with narcotic medications.

The causes for these syndromes are often difficult to discover, which is why they are called syndromes. Patients may have adhesions (scar tissue) in the epidural space, new degeneration of disks above and below the fusion site, hardware issues, facet mediated pain, and many other causes. We are able to treat this condition using low risk epidural injections, either in the low lumbar spine or caudal space, by using local anesthesia only; this can be done in our office. We do not use steroids. The Sanexas device, which is especially effective in these kinds of cases to reprogram the nerves to function more normally and reduce chronic pain, is then attached to the patient for 20-30 minutes. The device is programmed specific to each diagnosis. The treatments are a process, as the nerves begin to heal themselves; this is accomplished over several treatments.

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instead of smothering them with drugs which have their inherent side effects. Medication (especially narcotic use) is typically reduced significantly in our patients.

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