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## Welcome to the Health Care Choices for Minnesotans with Medicare 2012 edition!



This publication fits well within the mission of the Minnesota Board on Aging, which is to ensure that older Minnesotans and their families are effectively served by state and local policies and programs in order to age well and live well in their community.

In addition to containing comprehensive information about Medicare policy and plan options in Minnesota, additional information about long-term care options is included. I hope you find the information useful as you make important decisions about your health insurance.

The Minnesota Board on Aging role is to provide objective information and promote public education about ways to meet the changing needs of Minnesota's older population. Health Care Choices has become an essential publication of the Minnesota Board on Aging that advises Minnesotans of their options in order to make informed health care and long-term care decisions.

I want you to be aware that the Minnesota Board on Aging is the federally designated State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for Minnesota. The service is free and provided locally in all 87 counties of Minnesota by calling the Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433. Health Care Choices is an essential tool in providing the most up to date Minnesota Medicare options.

Because the 2012 edition is not supported by advertising dollars and resources are limited, fewer copies have been printed for community distribution. The 2012 edition of Health Care Choices will, however, be available in a PDF format for downloading at [www.MinnesotaHelp.info](http://www.MinnesotaHelp.info) and [www.mnaging.org](http://www.mnaging.org). Please let us know what you think of the 2012 edition. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

**Kathleen Harrington, Chair**  
 Minnesota Board on Aging

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