

APhA-ASP INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING AWARD

Medicare Part D Day Shenandoah University



- **Description:**
 - Medicare Part D Open Enrollment can be a confusing and overwhelming time for patients, especially patients that have a high pill burden or multiple disease states.
 - APhA-ASP at Shenandoah University leverages the skills of student pharmacists and community partners to provide cost analyses to patients during Medicare Part D open enrollment.
 - Health screenings have been integrated into this process in order to provide a well-rounded community event.
- **Methods of Accomplishment:**
 - Annually, a planning committee is formed of faculty, student pharmacists that represent all on campus pharmacy classes, as well as local residents of Northern Virginia and Winchester communities.
 - Student pharmacists are tasked with major planning responsibilities for the event in order to allow them to develop their leadership and organizational skills.
 - Health screenings and information are coordinated in an interprofessional manner with other health professions students including: Physician Assistant (PA), Physical Therapy (PT) and Occupational Therapy (OT). Patients are eligible to receive blood pressure, blood glucose, and other health screenings at this event.



- **Timeline:**
 - This event was started at Shenandoah in 2008, and has since become an annual tradition. The planning begins at the beginning of the fall semester. The event is advertised in local newspapers and on local radio stations to raise awareness and increase overall participation in the event.
- **Impact:**
 - Prior to the pandemic, this event served over 125 local residents each year. Since the pandemic, the event has been put back into motion, with the hopes of impacting more patients this year. Now in its fourteenth year, this annual event has involved students, residents, and faculty members providing care for the Winchester community. Patients are able to find the best Medicare Part D Plan to suit their specific needs, and it is a unique way for students to enhance their knowledge and professional skills as future practitioners.
 - Personal Statement: “ It's that time of year again, when the great students from the pharmacy department at Shenandoah University gather to help seniors like myself choose the best part D drug plan for the coming year. It is a quick and easy process that can save seniors hundreds of dollars. As we age many of us need that extra help, students you are very much appreciated in our community.” -Winchester Community Member
- **Future Ideas:**
 - Going forward, there are so many opportunities to expand Medicare Part D Day to better serve the community. This includes incorporation of other health professions, as well as expanding the number of patients that the program is able to serve in the surrounding communities.

