

Instructions for Completing the Public and Media Activity Form for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

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Use this revised Public and Media Activity Form for all public education and media activities conducted by your SHIP program.

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SECTION 1- Type of Activity. Please Check only ONE type of activity.

A. Interactive presentation to public

An interactive forum, speaking engagement, or seminar during which substantive knowledge on Medicare or the SHIP program is transferred by oral and visual means from a SHIP presenter to those persons attending the presentation. Includes in-person presentations, video teleconferences, or satellite broadcasts. Do NOT include SHIP counselor trainings, which should be reported on the **SHIP Resource Report Form**. Estimate the number of attendees by using sign-in sheets or by taking a rough head count of the number of people at the presentation. In addition, if you assisted any attendees with enrollment in Medicare programs, estimate the number of people potentially enrolled.

B. Booth/exhibit

Any event where general/program information and/or simple printed fact sheets are shared with or distributed to the public. The purpose of SHIP program participation in such events is to inform the public about the availability of SHIP services in their area. For example, some SHIP programs attend health or senior fairs or set up information booths in shopping centers in order to increase that community's awareness of their services and the need for individual counseling. Estimate the number of people potentially reached by using a tick-mark for each person that approaches your

booth to take materials and/or speak with a SHIP representative or by counting the number of brochures/materials distributed. In addition, if you assisted any attendees with enrollment in Medicare programs, estimate the number of people potentially enrolled.

C. Radio Show (not a PSA or ad)

Radio events can be live or taped. Report the date(s) you are aware the event was *originally* aired in Section 2. Estimate the number of people potentially reached for the original show only such as estimated audience size or potential number of listeners. Indicate, if known, the number of times the show was re-aired.

D. Web-site event

Includes one-time or limited time interactive events sponsored by your SHIP such as web conferences or forums, and interactive ‘chatrooms’. Visitors to other parts of your web-site should be reported on the SHIP Resource Report Form. Estimate the number of people potentially reached by estimating the number of visitors to these activities.

E. TV/Cable show (not a PSA or ad)

TV and cable TV shows can be live or taped. Report the date(s) you are aware the event was *originally* aired in Section 2. Estimate the number of people potentially reached for the original show only such as estimated audience size or potential number of viewers. Indicate the number of times, if known, the show was re-aired.

F. Enrollment Event (either solely sponsored by a SHIP or sponsored in partnership with another organization such as Social Security Administration office or disease organization) This includes any type of program where enrollment in a Medicare program is the key objective and where volunteers or staff are on hand to help the beneficiary submit an application on-line or by paper. (e.g., enrollment in the Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card Program, enrollment in Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage). In addition, if you assisted any attendees with enrollment in Medicare programs, estimate the number of people potentially enrolled.

G. Other

Include Public Service Announcements (PSAs) (either mailed, broadcast on the radio, or aired on television); targeted informational mailings; and newspaper/newsletter articles. Estimate the number of people potentially reached for the original airing only such as potential number of listeners/viewers, number of pieces mailed, or potential number of readers. Indicate the number of times the PSA was re-aired/re-printed/etc.

SECTION 2- Activity Information

Provide date and time of activity, (for an activity that spans multiple dates, you need only provide the total length of the activity across all dates), the name of the event and location it took place, person(s) to contact for more information, and names and types of presenters at the event. For shows/ads that are re-aired, enter the date of the original show only.

SECTION 3- Topic Focus Check ALL that apply.

If you cover several topics during the course of the event, check all that apply. Topics checked will have received substantial attention (not just a brief mention).

SECTION 4- Target Audience Check ALL that apply.

Identify your audience by checking the characteristics that apply.