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North Central Area Agency on Aging Joins National Network Connecting Seniors to Benefits Programs

Hartford, CT (March 28, 2018) – North Central Area Agency on Aging is now part of the National Council on Aging’s (NCOA) network dedicated to helping people with Medicare improve their financial outlook by enrolling in programs to help them afford health care, prescriptions, food, and more.

Nationally, half of all people with Medicare live on incomes less than \$24,150 per year, and they often lack the resources needed to meet basic living expenses. Federal, state, and local programs exist to help these individuals, but many people do not know how to apply for assistance.

“North Central Area Agency on Aging has a strong history of helping vulnerable residents in Andover, Avon, Berlin, Bloomfield, Bolton, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Glastonbury, Farmington, Enfield, Granby, Hartford, Hartland, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Plymouth, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southington, Stafford, Suffield, Tolland, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks.,” said Saray Figueroa, Benefits Enrollment Center Coordinator at North Central Area Agency on Aging. “We’re proud to be part of this national network of organizations that, since 2009, has helped more than 850,000 low-income older adults and younger adults with disabilities achieve economic stability.”

North Central Area Agency on Aging is one of 69 Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) funded by NCOA to serve low-income Medicare beneficiaries in 36 states. BECs are supported by funding from the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), administered through the U.S. Administration for Community Living.

BECs use NCOA's free online BenefitsCheckUp® tool (www.BenefitsCheckUp.org) to screen lower income older adults, and younger adults with disabilities, for more than 2,500 benefits—including Medicare Savings Programs, Part D Extra Help, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)—and to help them apply for and use those benefits.

To see if someone you know qualifies for assistance, visit www.ncaaact.org or call 1-860-724-6443.

About North Central Area Agency on Aging

The North Central Area Agency on Aging (NCAAA) is a regional non-profit organization based in Hartford, CT, that provides planning, management of funding and advocacy services to older persons and their caregivers in the 38-town North Central Connecticut region.

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