

# Local Focus

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## Free seminar on Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit

*From Atty. Patrick Curley at McCarthy Senior Center*

WAKEFIELD — In just a few weeks, millions of elders must decide whether to enroll in the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit and, if so, which Prescription Drug Plan to choose. But Part D is dauntingly complex and simple information is scarce. Elder Law Attorney Patrick G. Curley is helping people navigate these turbulent waters. On Sept. 14 at 11 a.m., Attorney Curley will present his seminar, entitled "Medicare Part D: The Information and Tools You Need to Know Now", at the Wakefield Council on Aging's McCarthy Senior Center, 30 Converse St.

This fall, Curley is offering a series of Part D training seminars at venues across the North Shore. Last month, Curley provided a training for professionals at North Shore Elder Services in Danvers, which was attended by

more than 50 caseworkers, health care and elder care professionals. On Sept. 21, Curley will train Geriatric Care Managers from across New England at a meeting of the Geriatric Care Managers Association of New England.

Curley explained that he "developed the seminars because elders and health-care professionals were complaining that the government and drug industry sponsored marketing events and materials had glossed over the complexity and the pitfalls of Medicare Part D. I am committed to giving people the information and tools they need to protect their health and finances and to protect their family, friends and clients."

Seminar participants will learn: 1) the overall Part D structure, 2) factors to consider in choosing a Prescription Drug Plan, 3) eligibility

for Part D Benefits for low-income beneficiaries and 4) the special complexity Part D poses for institutionalized individuals on MassHealth.

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Individuals may contact Curley Law Firm at 781-245-2222 to confirm future seminar dates and locations and to receive a free copy of Attorney Curley's brochure "Medicare Part D: The Information and Tools You Need to Know Now" and to learn his future seminar schedule. More information about the firm can be found on the firm's website at [www.CurleyLawFirm.com](http://www.CurleyLawFirm.com).