

Senior health care hotline

The Older Alaskans Commission (OAC) announced it started a toll-free hotline to provide seniors with information on Medicare, Medigap supplemental insurance policies, Medicaid, long-term care insurance, and other types of health insurance benefits.

Gov. Hickel endorsed the program, stating, "Many seniors are confused by the many health care programs available to them, and this is compounded by insurance companies trying to sell them unnecessary or duplicative insurance. This telephoen hotline will help to clarify any questions they may have.

The hotline is funded by a portion of a \$82,100 grant to the OAC fromt he federal Health Care Financing Administration.

The Medicare/Medigap Insurance Hotline number is (800) 478-6065 outside Anchorage and 562-7249 in Anchorage. It is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.