

# JANUARY 1, 2010 MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PRODUCT CHANGES FOR TANGIPAOA/WASHINGTON PARISHES

## *Physician/Office Information*

### **Key Steps in Educating Staff and Patients for 2010 Medicare Advantage changes:**

1. There will no longer be any ZERO dollar premium plans available effective Jan. 1st, in Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes.
2. PHN Choices Plus is dissolving at the end of this year. Inaction on part of patient will result in reverting back to traditional Medicare, where patients would be advised to add on a Medicare Rx Plan and a Medigap policy (additional premiums).
3. Peoples Health new Medicare Advantage product is Choices Select, effective January 1, 2010.
4. Premium differential between PHN Choices Select and Humana Medicare Gold is approximately \$90 versus \$48 per member per month, similar benefit structure.
5. Providers are, at this time, NOT required to sign contracts for any Medicare Private Fee For Service (PFFS) plans. It is optional to the Medicare participating provider to service the PFFS patients.
6. Current information and updates on this subject can be found at [www.pphpnorthshore.com](http://www.pphpnorthshore.com).