

Sarasota, Florida -- Congressman Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., today alerted senior citizens to the start of Medicare Open Season. Between now and December 7th, seniors can enroll for the first time or switch from their current Part D prescription drug benefit plan to a different plan.

“I am encouraging seniors in my district to shop around and choose the plan that provides them the most help with their drug costs,” said Buchanan. “Researching new plans and changes to existing plans might help them save money.”

Seniors should note that open season ends earlier than usual this year, on December 7th, rather than the end of the month.

Medicare-eligible seniors who have questions about plans and coverage can find answers online by visiting www.medicare.gov, or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

Congressman Buchanan’s office can also provide seniors with information on the Medicare prescription drug program or assist seniors experiencing problems with Medicare. Seniors, their families, and care-givers can call the Sarasota office at 941.951.6643 or the Bradenton office at 941.747.9081.