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## LOCAL SOCCER TEAM CROWNED STATE CUP CHAMPS

BRICK - The Twin County SA Titans, a U14 boys travel team, won the New Jersey Youth Soccer State Cup, taking their place at the top of their age group.

They outscored their opponents in cup play 20-5, beating Hillsborough Roma 2-1, Vine-land Devils 6-0 and Randolph Rovers 4-1. They met some great competition in the semi-finals but bested the Ocean Tornadoes 5-2. The Titans went on to the finals where they met Wayne United and beat them in a tough match 3-1 held at Mercer County Park on November 1.

Coach Mauricio Garcia said the boys worked hard preparing for this season and their success is the result of their hard work and determination.

More information about the Titans and Twin County Soccer of Brick can be found at their Web site, [www.twincountysoccer.org](http://www.twincountysoccer.org).



Members of the Titans are bottom row right to left: Brian Swider, Kyle Kaiafas, Thomas Beyer, Connor Fogler, Gunnar Schannapuf, Garrett Garcia, Thomas Guardino and Ian Winters. Top row left to right are Anthony Provini, Shane Gilligan, Dan Hunt, Daniel Sprouls, Anthony Mendola, Thomas De Noville, Thomas O'Neill, Owen Hope and David D'Agustino.

## Hospitals Issue Visitor Guidelines To Prevent H1N1 Flu Spread

BRICK - Meridian Health, comprised of Ocean Medical Center in Brick, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, River-view Medical Center and K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital, is temporarily modifying its hospital visitation policy to include recommendations to restrict visitors under the age of 18.

Since the beginning of the H1N1 influenza pandemic, the hospitals have been encouraging preventative measures such as frequent hand washing, and asking visitors to refrain hospital visitation if they are experiencing any illness.

These additional age-specific guidelines are based on recommendations recently issued by the New Jersey Hospital Association, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the Centers for Disease Control, and follow similar approaches taken by hospitals across the nation. For the duration of the flu season, families and visitors are being asked to observe the following:

- Do not bring children under the age of 18 to visit friends and loved ones in the hospital. No individuals under the age of 18 are recommended to visit the hospital unless they are a patient or in special circumstances that have been identified and approved by the hospital.
- Do not visit friends or loved ones in the hospital if you are feeling ill. As during regular flu season, the hospitals ask that you do not visit friends and loved ones in the hospital if you are experiencing respiratory illness or any flu-like symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

"Meridian highly values the importance of family and friends for a patient's successful recovery, and therefore carefully considered the impact of any visitation restriction," said Richard Hader, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, senior

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## County To Educate Seniors On Medicare Part D

OCEAN COUNTY - The Ocean County Office of Senior Services is ready to provide one-on-one assistance during the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan annual enrollment period, which began November 15 and ends December 31.

"Each year, health plans make adjustments to what they cost and what they cover," said Ocean County Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari, who serves as chairman of Senior Services. "Now is the time for people with Medicare to review the changes being made by their current plan and compare it to others to make sure it will meet their prescription drug needs in 2010. Those who don't have prescription drug coverage can also enroll in a drug plan during open enrollment."

Each year during the annual enrollment period, Medicare Part D counseling is provided at the County Connection at the Ocean County Mall on Hooper Avenue, Toms River.

The remaining scheduled Part D Days will provide the oppor-

tunity for Medicare enrollees to meet with a trained State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor to review the Medicare Plan Finder and obtain the needed information to make an informed decision.

"Although, the Part D enrollment period (did) not begin until November 15, Part D Days are being held at the County Connection earlier in order for individuals to gather plan information in advance," Vicari said.

The Part D Days for December are December 8, 10, 14, 18 and 22. The times are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Evening hours will be available on November 30 when appointments will run from 3 to 8 p.m.

An appointment is necessary. To schedule an appointment, call 732-288-7777.

According to Jane Maloney, director of Senior Services, it is critical that Medicare enrollees take the time to review their

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**-Ocean County  
Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari**

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