

MULTIPLE MEDICARE ENROLLMENT PERIODS

Medicare Enrollment Periods



Initial Enrollment Period

The seven-month period including the three months before, the month of, and the three months following your 65th birthday month.



Special Enrollment Period

If you do not enroll during your IEP, you may be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period.



General Enrollment Period

If you miss your IEP and do not qualify for an SEP, you can enroll during the General Enrollment Period. The GEP is from January 1 through March 31 each year.



Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment Period

October 15 through December 7. You can join a new Medicare Advantage Plan or a new stand-alone prescription drug plan. You can also return to Original Medicare from a Medicare Advantage Plan.



Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period

January 1 through March 31 you can switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan or return to Original Medicare (with or w/o a Part D plan) from a Medicare Advantage Plan.



Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) if you need help understanding or applying for an SEP. SHIP counselors provide unbiased Medicare counseling.

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