



# Enrollment Periods for Part C and Part D

Every year, you have a chance to make changes to your Medicare Advantage or Medicare prescription drug coverage for the following year. There are two separate enrollment periods each year.

Enrollment Period	What You Can Do
<p><b>October 15 - December 7</b></p> <p>Open Enrollment Period for Medicare Advantage AND Medicare prescription drug coverage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan.</li> <li>Change from a Medicare Advantage Plan back to Original Medicare.</li> <li>Switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan.</li> <li>Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that does not offer drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage.</li> <li>Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that does not offer drug coverage.</li> <li>Join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.</li> <li>Switch from one Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to another Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.</li> <li>Drop your Medicare prescription drug coverage completely.</li> </ul>
<p><b>January 1 - March 31</b></p> <p>Beneficiaries who enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan during Open Enrollment can make changes during the first three months of the new plan year.</p>	<p><b>If you enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan, as of January 1 you can:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leave your plan and switch to Original Medicare. If you switch to Original Medicare during this period you will have until March 31 to also join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. Your coverage will begin the first day of the month after the plan gets your enrollment form.</li> <li>Choose a different Medicare Advantage Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>During this period you <i>CAN NOT</i> do the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan.</li> <li>Join, switch or drop a Medicare Medical Savings Account Plan.</li> </ul>

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# Initial Enrollment Periods for Part C and Part D

If This Describes You	You Can...	At This Time...
<p>You're newly eligible for Medicare because you turn age 65.</p>	<p>Sign up for a Medicare Advantage and/or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.</p>	<p>During the 7-month period that starts 3 months before the month you turn age 65, includes the month you turn age 65, and ends 3 months after the month you turn age 65.</p>
<p>You're newly eligible for Medicare because you're disabled (under age 65).</p>	<p>Sign up for a Medicare Advantage or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. Your Medicare coverage begins 24 months after you get Social Security or RRB disability benefits.</p>	<p>Starting 21 months after you get Social Security or RRB benefits. Your chance to sign up lasts through the 27th month after you get Social Security or RRB benefits.</p>
<p>You're already eligible for Medicare because of a disability, and you turn age 65.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign up for a Medicare Advantage and/or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.</li> <li>• Switch from your current Medicare Advantage or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to another plan.</li> <li>• Drop a Medicare Advantage or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan completely.</li> </ul>	<p>During the 7-month period that starts 3 months before the month you turn age 65, includes the month you turn age 65, and ends 3 months after the month you turn age 65.</p> <p>If you sign up for a Medicare Advantage Plan during this time, you can drop that plan <b>at any time</b> during the next 12 months and go back to Original Medicare.</p>
<p>You <b>DON'T</b> have Medicare Part A coverage, and you enroll in Medicare Part B during the Part B General Enrollment Period (January 1 - March 31).</p>	<p>Sign up for a <b>Medicare Prescription Drug plan.</b></p>	<p>Between April 1 - June 30.</p>
<p>You <b>HAVE</b> Medicare Part A coverage, and you enroll in Medicare Part B during the Part B General Enrollment Period (January 1 - March 31).</p>	<p>Sign up for a <b>Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.</b></p>	<p>Between April 1 - June 30.</p>