

Medicare Key Dates

Mark your calendar with these important dates!



September – October

Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug plans released with new premium and benefit design information for the coming year.

October 15: Medicare Open Enrollment Period (OEP) Begins

Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug plans begin accepting applications for the upcoming plan year.

December 7: Medicare Open Enrollment Period (OEP) Ends

The last day Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug plans are able to accept applications for the coming plan year.

January 1

Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug plans become effective for the new plan year.

January 1 – February 14: Annual Disenrollment Period

This is the Annual Disenrollment Period (ADP) – a time when Medicare Advantage plans may be dropped and the policyholder may return only to Original Medicare. Part D Prescription Drug plans may be purchased if a drug plan was originally part of the Medicare Advantage plan.

Becoming Medicare Eligible

When you first become eligible for Medicare, you can enroll in a Medicare Health Plan 3 months BEFORE and AFTER the month you turn age 65.

Becoming Medicare Eligible due to Disability

If you are eligible for Medicare due to disability, you can join during the 3 months BEFORE and AFTER your 25th month of disability.