

Enrollment Periods That Happen Every Year

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 different enrollment periods each year. See the chart below for specific dates.

Enrollment Period	What You Can Do
<p>November 15–December 31</p> <p>Open Enrollment Period for Medicare Advantage AND Medicare prescription drug coverage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Change from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan. ▪ Change from a Medicare Advantage Plan back to Original Medicare. ▪ Switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan. ▪ Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage to another Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage. ▪ Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage to another Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage. ▪ Join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. ▪ Switch from one Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to another Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. ▪ Drop your Medicare Prescription Drug coverage completely.
<p>January 1–March 31</p> <p>Open Enrollment Period for Medicare Advantage Plans only</p> <p>Note: You can't make any changes to your drug coverage during this period. If you already have drug coverage, you must keep it, either through a Medicare Advantage Plan or a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. If you don't have drug coverage, you can't add it during this period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage, you can do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage. ▪ Drop your Medicare Advantage Plan, go back to Original Medicare, and join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. ▪ If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan without drug coverage, you can do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't have drug coverage. ▪ Switch back to Original Medicare. ▪ If you have Original Medicare and a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, you can join a Medicare Advantage Plan that includes drug coverage. ▪ If you have Original Medicare with no drug coverage, you can join a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't include drug coverage.