2026 Medicare Open Enrollment

The Medicare Open Enrollment for 2026 will be from October 15th to December 7th, 2025, so mark your calendar!

The Open Enrollment period is the time when senior citizens and the disabled on Medicare are able to determine whether or not their current Medicare coverage is working for them. Each year plans change what they cost and what they cover. 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 still meets their needs. Those who don't have prescription drug coverage can also enroll in a drug plan during open enrollment.

If your Medicare Advantage plan is not renewing, you must select a new plan during the annul Medicare Open Enrollment period (October 15-December 7) to avoid gaps in coverage, as a non-renewal notice is a signal that your plan will not automatically continue. You can choose a new Medicare Advantage plan, a Mediare Part D (drug) plan, or return to Original Medicare

All people with Medicare should:

- Review the 2026 costs for your current drug & health plan (look at the premium, co-pays and deductibles)
- Compare the cost and coverage to other plans in your area (check to see if the plan covers medications, works with your pharmacy and doctors and covers the services you need.)
- Choose a plan to meet your needs. Review your plan and act early to avoid any inconvenience at the pharmacy counter in January.

Take time to see if your plan still works for you. www.medicare.gov

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