

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare coverage runs on a yearly basis. Medicare Open Enrollment period each year begins on October 15 and runs through December 7. It is a period for beneficiaries to review and make changes to their Medicare health or prescription drug coverage for the following year. Coverage becomes effective January 1. For most beneficiaries this may be the only time they can make changes to their coverage. They can:

- Change from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage Plan (or vice versa)
- Switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan
- Switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan without drug coverage to another Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage (or vice versa)
- Join a Medicare Drug Plan or Drop a Medicare Drug Plan completely
- Switch from one Medicare Drug Plan to another Medicare Drug Plan

Staff benefits counselors are available to assist Medicare beneficiaries with reviewing the coverage benefits of approved Medicare health and prescription drug plans. Assistance is available Monday through Friday 7:30 am – 5:30 pm in person by appointment or walk-in or over the telephone.

Beneficiaries can contact our intake lines, local 832-393-4301 or toll free 1-800-213-8471.