

2018 Open Enrollment Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

2018 enrollment period STARTS



2018 enrollment period ENDS



You can make changes to your Medicare coverage to best meet your needs in 2018

You May Change

From	To
Original Medicare + Part D ¹	Medicare Advantage + drug coverage
Medicare Part D drug plan	A different Medicare Part D plan
Medicare Advantage ² + drug coverage	Original Medicare + Part D
Medicare Advantage + drug plan	A different Medicare Advantage + drug plan

If you want to join³ or change your prescription drug plan

- 1 Make a list of all your medications, including doses.
- 2 Find plans available in your area (see "Resources" on back of this card).
- 3 Compare available plans for:
 - **Costs**—premium, deductible, co-payments/co-insurance
 - **Coverage**—drugs available on formulary, special rules or requirements
 - **Quality**—Medicare Star rating⁴
 - **Convenience**—location of network pharmacies; availability of mail-order.
- 4 Choose the plan that best meets your needs.

¹ Part D is an optional benefit. During the Open Enrollment Period you may also change from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage; change from Medicare Advantage to Original Medicare, or join or drop a Medicare Part D Plan.

² There is also a Medicare Advantage disenrollment period that runs from January 1st to February 14th each year. During that time, you may switch back to Original Medicare and sign up for Medicare Part D.

³ You may sign up for Medicare coverage as soon as you become eligible, regardless of what month it is, but you may only make changes to a current plan during the Open Enrollment period.

⁴ If you enroll in a plan and later find that another, 5-star (excellent) plan is available in your area, you may switch at anytime during 2018, but only once.

Resource	How to access
"Understanding Medicare Part C & D Enrollment Periods"	www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11219-Understanding-Medicare-Part-C-D.pdf
"Yearly Medicare Plan Review"	www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11220-Yearly-Medicare-Plan-Review.pdf
Medicare Plan Finder	www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx
"Things to Think About when You Compare Medicare Drug Coverage"	www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11163-Compare-Medicare-Drug-Coverage.pdf
"How Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Works with a Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Cost Plan"	www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11135-Prescription-Drug-Coverage-with-MA-MCP.pdf
"Your Guide to Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage"	www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11109-Your-Guide-to-Medicare-Prescrip-Drug-Cov.pdf
"Choose Higher Quality for Better Health Care"	www.medicaid.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/11226.pdf
State Health Insurance Assistance Programs	www.shiptacenter.org
"Medicare & You"	www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you/medicare-and-you.html
Medicare	www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users, please call 1-877-486-2048

Plan Checklist

- Review your expected health and prescription needs for 2018
- Compare available Medicare Advantage plan benefits to those under Original Medicare
- Review prescription plans available in your area and check them for:
 - availability of your medications on the formulary
 - any special requirements, such as prior authorization, for your medications to be covered
 - plan costs, including premiums, deductible and cost sharing
- Based on your needs, choose your Medicare health and prescription plans

If you are having trouble paying for your medications, extra help is available:

Contact your Social Security Office at (800) 772-1213 or visit:

www.ssa.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp/

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