

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are different Medicare Enrollment Periods throughout the year when **VICAP can help you** search for and compare Medicare Advantage plans with or without drug coverage (Part C), or standalone Prescription Drug Plans (Part D) benefits.

Part C

Initial Enrollment Period (IEP)

- Starts as soon as you enroll in Medicare Part A **and** B
- But no later than the third month after you turn 65

Annual Election Period (Open Enrollment)

- From October 15th to December 7th, you can review plans (all plans change annually)
- The change to your coverage begins January 1st of the following year

Medicare Advantage (MA) Open Enrollment

- From January 1st to March 31st, review your MA plan
- If you're in an MA plan, you may switch to another MA plan
- Or disenroll from a MA plan and return to Original Medicare. If you do, you can join a standalone drug plan

Special Enrollment Periods (SEP)

- You permanently move (you must enroll within two months)
 - You lose current employer coverage
 - Other special circumstances or life events
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Part D

Initial Enrollment Period (IEP)

- Starts as soon as you enroll in Medicare Part A **and/or** B
- But no later than the third month after you turn 65

Annual Election Period (Open Enrollment)

- From October 15th to December 7th, you can review plans (all plans change annually)
- The change to your coverage begins January 1st of the following year

Medicare Advantage (MA) Open Enrollment

- From January 1st to March 31st, review your MA plan
- If you're in a MA Plan, you may switch to another MA plan (with or without drugs)
- Or disenroll from a MA plan and return to Original Medicare. If you do, you can join a standalone drug plan

Special Enrollment Periods (SEP)

- You permanently move (you must enroll within two months)
- You lose current employer coverage or creditable coverage (you must enroll within 2 months)
- During Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment (January 1 – March 31st), **ONLY** if you have a Medicare Advantage plan and you are returning to Original Medicare during this time

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