

Enrollment Periods

There are different types of general and special Medicare enrollment periods for Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDP). Beneficiaries may only enroll in or change plans during an election period that occurs at specific times of the year.

ANNUAL ELECTION PERIOD (AEP)

- Election Period begins November 15th and ends December 31st
- Medicare beneficiaries may select any Medicare Advantage (MA) plan, Medicare Advantage Part D (MA-PD) plan, or Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) plan for which they qualify

OPEN ELECTION PERIOD (OEP)

- Election Period begins January 1st and ends March 31st
- Medicare beneficiaries who have selected an MA-PD or Part D option may make ONE CHANGE between these dates to a “like” plan.

LOCK-IN PERIOD

- As of April 1st all beneficiaries are “Locked-In” to their plan choice for the balance of the year. Exceptions are Special Election Periods (SEP) described and regulated by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Lock-In begins when an election is made during OEP

SPECIAL ELECTION PERIOD (SEP)

Special Election Periods include special circumstances, dictated by CMS, in which a beneficiary can change Medicare Advantage plans or move back to Original Medicare.

Some examples are:

- Permanent residence change
- Newly dual eligible or loss of dual eligibility
- Chronic Disease
- Health plan terminates contract in specific service area
- Involuntarily loses creditable cover
- Institutionalized

To learn more about when you can enroll onto Abrazo Advantage Health Plan contact us at 1-888-864-1114.