

# IMPORTANT MEDICARE DATES

## January 1-March 31

### **Annual Medicare Advantage Open**

**Enrollment Period:** Members of Medicare Advantage plans have an opportunity to return to Original Medicare and a stand-alone Medicare Part D plan. They can also switch Advantage plans, if they are already enrolled in one. Change becomes effective the first day of the following month.

## September

**Annual Notice of Change:** Private Medicare Part C & D plans are required to send notice each fall of any changes in cost, coverage or service area that will go into effect in January of the next year.

## October 15- December 7

**Annual Open Enrollment Period:** This is your chance to join a Medicare Advantage plan or Medicare Part D plan, switch to a different plan, or dis-enroll from a Part C or D plan. All changes made will be effective the first day of the new year. You can also switch back to Original Medicare by dis-enrolling from an Advantage plan. If you make no decision, you will remain in the same plan as you elected this year. There is no enrollment required to renew your present coverage. (If you do not enroll during this period, your next chance for new coverage is January of the year after next, unless you qualify for a special enrollment period.)

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DEC 8-  
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## January 1 – March 31

**General Enrollment Period:** This is when people can enroll in Medicare Parts A & B if they didn't use their 7 month initial enrollment period surrounding their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and they don't qualify for a special enrollment period. Beginning in 2023, Medicare coverage will be effective the first day of the month following the month the enrollment request is made.

## October 1

Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan Marketing Activities can begin for the next year's plan. At this time you will be able to once again gather information and evaluate the various Part D plan options.

## December 8-November 30

**Five Star Special Enrollment Period:** For people who live in an area with a 5-star Medicare Advantage and/or Part D prescription drug plan, they can switch to a 5-star plan if they choose to (once during the Dec 8-Nov 30 period).

## January 1

This is the date your Annual Enrollment Period selected plans will be effective. If you switched to a new plan, your old plan will be discontinued automatically. If you did not change plans, your existing plan will continue into the new year.