

Medicare Part D SEPs

In addition to the Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) for Medicare (7 months around beneficiary's 65th birthday) and the Annual Enrollment Period (October 15 - December 7 each year), there are several "special enrollment periods" (SEPs) when you may elect or change your current plan. If any of the statements below match your current situation, you may be eligible to join or switch your drug plan at this time. *Note: Unless it is a 'continuous' SEP, the SEP ends when your enrollment in a new plan becomes effective or when the SEP time frame ends, whichever comes first.*

Situation	Your SEP is ...
You belong to Prescription Advantage (a state pharmacy assistance program) or within the last 2 months lost participation in such a program.	One chance/year to join or switch your plan
You are eligible for Part D, even if you do not have a PDP or MA-PD now (5-Star SEP: December 8 through November 30 of the following year).	One chance/year to join or switch to 5-Star plan
You recently moved outside of the service area for your current plan.	2 - 14 months based on notification to plan
Due to a move, you have new plan options, even if you did not already have a PDP or MA-PD (Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage).	Up to two months after move
You recently returned to the United States after living permanently outside of the U.S. or you were recently released from incarceration.	Up to 2 months AFTER you move (3 mos. if IEP)
You are moving out of a Long Term Care Facility.	Up to 2 months AFTER you move out of facility
You just moved to or are currently living in a Long Term Care Facility (e.g. a nursing home).	Continuous monthly SEP
You have both Medicare & Medicaid (MassHealth Standard, PCA, Frail Elder, CommonHealth) or a Medicare Savings Program (Buy-ins: QMB, SLMB, QI-1).	Continuous monthly SEP
You are currently receiving "extra help" (LIS).	Continuous monthly SEP
You are no longer eligible for "extra help" (LIS) <u>during</u> the calendar year.	Up to 2 months AFTER you lose "extra help"
You are no longer eligible for "extra help" (LIS) <u>at the end</u> of the calendar year.	January 1 - March 31 of following year
You recently involuntarily lost your creditable drug coverage.	Up to 2 months AFTER you lose coverage
You are leaving coverage from your employer or union (including COBRA or Retiree coverage) SEP EGHP.	Up to 2 months AFTER you drop plan
In the last 12 months, you joined a MA-PD when you turned 65 (MA SEP 65).	You may drop MA-PD and enroll in PDP
In the last 12 months, you left a Medigap policy to join a MA-PD for the first time .	You may drop MA-PD and enroll in PDP
You have had Medicare prior to now, but are now turning 65.	7 month IEP around 65th birthday
Your plan is ending or not renewing its contract with Medicare.	Up to 1 month after contract ends (2 mos. if CMS terminates plan)

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Situation	Your SEP is ...
You recently left a Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program.	Up to 2 months AFTER you drop plan
You are being disenrolled from a Medicare special needs plan because you no longer have special needs status.	Up to 3 months AFTER disenrollment
You are disenrolling from a Medicare Cost plan and had Medicare prescription drug coverage from the Medicare Cost plan.	You may enroll in a PDP up to 2 months after
You are in a Medicare Cost plan that is not renewing its contract and had Medicare prescription drug coverage from the Medicare Cost plan.	Nov 1 of contract year - Jan 31 of following year
You were recently disenrolled from a MA-PD due to loss of Part B, but you still have Part A.	You may enroll in a PDP up to 2 months after
You have disenrolled from your MA plan during the MA disenrollment period (Jan 1 - Feb 14) regardless of whether you had drug coverage.	You may enroll in a PDP Jan 1 - Feb 14
You are using the MA Open Enrollment Period for Institutionalized Individuals (OEPI) to disenroll from a MA-PD.	Up to 2 months after MA-PD disenrollment
CMS has determined your plan has violated its contract.	Determined by CMS
You were not adequately notified of your creditable drug coverage status.	Up to 2 months after CMS approval
You were enrolled or not enrolled due to an error by a federal employee.	Up to 2 months after CMS approval
You disenrolled from a plan due to a CMS sanction.	Determined by CMS
You already had Part A and you enrolled in Part B during the the General Enrollment Period (January - March, effective July 1).	April 1 - June 30, effective July 1 (MA-PD only)
You do not qualify for premium-free Part A and you enrolled in Part B during the General Enrollment Period (January - March, effective July 1).	April 1 - June 30, effective July 1 (PDP only)
You have a PDP and are switching to a SNP (special needs plan).	Anytime, if eligible for SNP
You are enrolling in a Chronic Care SNP (special needs plan), regardless of whether you already have a Part D plan.	Anytime, if eligible for SNP
You are disenrolling from a PDP or MA-PD to enroll in or maintain other creditable coverage (such as VA or TriCare).	Anytime
You have retroactively been enrolled in Medicare.	Up to 3 months after month of notification
Other	Determined by CMS