The Medicare Open Enrollment Period begins October 15th through December 7th. During this period, Medicare individuals can make changes to their existing plans such as switching from their Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan or vice versa, switching from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another, and may also make changes regarding Medicaid Part D Prescription Drug Plans.

The Medicare Advantage Disenrollment Period begins January 1st and ends March 31st, 2020. Individuals can dis-enroll from current Advantage plan and enroll in another Advantage plan. This enrollment period allows the individual to return to Original Medicare and enroll in a prescription drug plan.

The General Election Period (GEP) is January 1st through March 31st. Coverage will not start until July 1st of 2020 for individuals new to Medicare who missed their Part B initial Enrollment.

For more information on Medicare and these important dates, contact the Arkansas SHIIP Office at 1-800-224-6330