



Senior Health Insurance
Information Program

IMPORTANT DATES ABOUT MEDICARE FOR YOU TO REMEMBER!

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October 15 – December 7 same dates every year

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 **Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans**.

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January 1 – March 31 same dates every year

The Medicare Advantage Disenrollment Period begins January 1st and ends March 31. 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.

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January 1 – March 31 same dates every year

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

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

