

# Medicare Enrollment Periods

The chart below summarizes important Medicare enrollment periods.

Enrollment period	Dates	Actions you can take during this period
<b>Initial Enrollment Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Starts 3 months before the month you turn 65</li> <li>- Ends 3 months after the month you turn 65</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sign up for a plan</li> </ul>
<b>General Enrollment Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Starts January 1st</li> <li>- Ends March 31st</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sign up for Medicare Part A and/or Part B (only if you didn't sign up when first eligible and if you're not eligible for a Special Enrollment Period)</li> </ul>
<b>Medicare Open Enrollment Period (aka Annual Enrollment)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Starts October 15th</li> <li>- Ends December 7th</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sign up for a plan</li> <li>- Switch plans</li> <li>- Leave a plan</li> </ul>
<b>Special Enrollment Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Depends on your personal situation (such as if you move or lose your insurance coverage)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Depends on your personal situation (such as if you move or lose your insurance coverage)</li> </ul>
<b>Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Starts January 1st</li> <li>- Ends March 31st</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Switch Medicare Advantage plans</li> <li>- Leave a Medicare Advantage plan</li> </ul>