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If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

## Medicare Open Enrollment for Part D plans is open between October 15 - December 7 each year:

- During this time frame, individuals can enroll in a prescription plan or change drug plans
- Changes take effect beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year
- \*If you are receiving a Medicare Savings Plan (MSP), you may be allowed to change your plan outside of the enrollment period\*

Important note: If you have made the decision to change prescription plans, DO NOT call and disenroll from your current plan. This is automatic when you enroll in a new plan.

#### How do I Enroll or Change Plans?

- Ask Navigation for a OneSheet explaining steps to change a Part D plan yourself
- Call 1-800-633-4227 (1-800-MEDICARE) to speak with a Medicare Rx drug coverage representative
  Make sure you have your Medicare card, list of prescription drugs (including strength and amount) and the pharmacies you use
  - o Services available in Spanish
- Visit the Medicare website at <u>www.Medicare.gov</u>
- Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors assist individuals with selecting plans and applying for the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS/Extra Help)
  - o Main Phone: 1-888-696-7213 Spanish Phone Line: 303-441-1546
  - Web: <u>https://doi.colorado.gov/insurance-products/health-insurance/senior-health-care-medicare</u>
  - Request a Benefits Checkup to find federal, state and private benefit programs you may be eligible for
- **Benefits in Action** is a nonprofit organization based in Colorado that offers FREE application assistance for programs such as:
  - Medicare, Medicaid, Marketplace insurance plans, SNAP, LEAP, food delivery services, mental wellness services, OmniSalud, Colorado Dental Health Care Program for Low-Income Seniors, etc.
  - **Office Hours:** Mon–Fri 9:00am-5:00pm (By Appointment Only; evenings & weekends upon request)
  - o Phone: 720-221-8354 Web: https://www.benefitsinaction.org Email: info@benefitsinaction.org
- CMS National Training Program
  - o Self-paced online training, webinars, train-the-trainer workshops
  - Materials, PowerPoint presentations, job aides for understanding Medicare
  - Sign up to receive notices of upcoming training events: <u>https://cmsnationaltrainingprogram.cms.gov/</u>

# **Medicare Part D – General Information**

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#### • Medicare Rights Center

- A trusted source. Non-profit advocacy organization.
- o Learning center with online courses. Most courses require a fee.
- o Web: <u>https://www.medicareinteractive.org/learning-center/courses</u>

## • Medicare & You Handbook

- Basic handbook provided to each Medicare beneficiary/household. Clients receive updated printed handbooks every year by mail in late September.
- Contains information regarding Medicare benefits, costs, rights, and protections; health and drug plans, and answers to common questions.
- Available online in PDF and other languages and formats, including large print and braille.
- Web: <u>https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you</u>
- o Download the Handbook here: https://www.medicare.gov/publications/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf

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