

Medicare Deadline Cheat Sheet

	Acronym	Definition	Enrollment Dates	Effective Dates
Original Medicare	IEP	Initial Enrollment Period	7 months surrounding your 65th birthday month	No sooner than your birthday month, or 25th month of disability benefit entitlement
	GEP	General Enrollment Period	January 1st to March 31 st	July 1
	SEP	Special Enrollment Period for the Working Aged and Working Disabled	For Original Medicare Part A and Part B: 8 months, following the month you retire or lose creditable coverage; For Medicare Part C and Part D: 63 days after the loss of employer healthcare coverage	Coverage start date varies
	MedigapOEP	Medigap Open Enrollment Period	6 months, starting the month you're 65 or older and enrolled in Medicare Part B	Can vary, but usually begins the first day of the month after you apply
Medicare Advantage	ICEP	Initial Coverage Election Period	For turning 65, same as IEP; if Part B delayed, then 3 months prior to Part B effective	For turning 65, same as IEP; if Part B delayed, then effective first date Part B is effective
	AEP	Annual Election Period	October 15th to December 7th	January 1st of the following year
	MAOEP	Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period	January 1st to March 31	The first day of the month after your enrollment form is received
	SEP	Special Election Period	Used throughout the year and is intended for people going through certain circumstances, like a move to a new service area or qualify for low income subsidy	Coverage start date varies