A Guide to Medicare Enrollment

How to tell if you're Medicare-Eligible

If you're new to Medicare, it's difficult to figure out when you can enroll and what you need to do. Is this your first time enrolling in Medicare? There are various types of coverage you are eligible to sign up for.

INITIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD
Enroll in Medicare Part A (Hospital) and Part B (Medical)/Original Medicare.

INITIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PART D
Enroll in a prescription drug plan (standalone) or Medicare Advantage plan (includes Parts A, B and D).

INITIAL COVERAGE ELECTION PERIOD
Enroll in a Medicare Advantage or Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan.

MEDIGAP OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD
Enroll in a Medicare Supplement plan (Medigap).

When can you enroll?

INITIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD
The three months before your 65th birthday, the month of your birthday, and three months after your birthday. Three months prior to your 25 month of disability benefits, the 25th month, and three months afterwards.

INITIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PART D
Generally occurs during the same timeframe as your Initial Enrollment Period.

INITIAL COVERAGE ELECTION PERIOD
It takes place during the Initial Enrollment Period.

MEDIGAP OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD
Once you turn 65 and you’ve enrolled in Medicare Part B, this period begins automatically and lasts for six months.