

# Medicare Open Enrollment 101



October 15 – December 7

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with our Medicare Specialist!

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## **What's the Medicare Open Enrollment Period?**

Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year—things like cost, coverage, and what providers and pharmacies are in their networks. October 15 to December 7 is when all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs.

## **How do people know if they need to change plans?**

People in a Medicare health or prescription drug plan should always review the materials their plans send them, like the “Evidence of Coverage” (EOC) and “Annual Notice of Change” (ANOC). If their plans are changing, they should make sure their plans will still meet their needs for the following year. If they're satisfied that their current plans will meet their needs for next year and it's still being offered, they don't need to do anything.

## **When can people get information about next year's Medicare plans?**

Information for next year's plans will be available beginning in October.

## **Where can people find Medicare plan information or compare plans?**

You can speak to a Medicare Specialist at Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments at (843-546-8502), call 1-800-MEDICARE or go online to [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov).