The Basics of Medicare for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Clients

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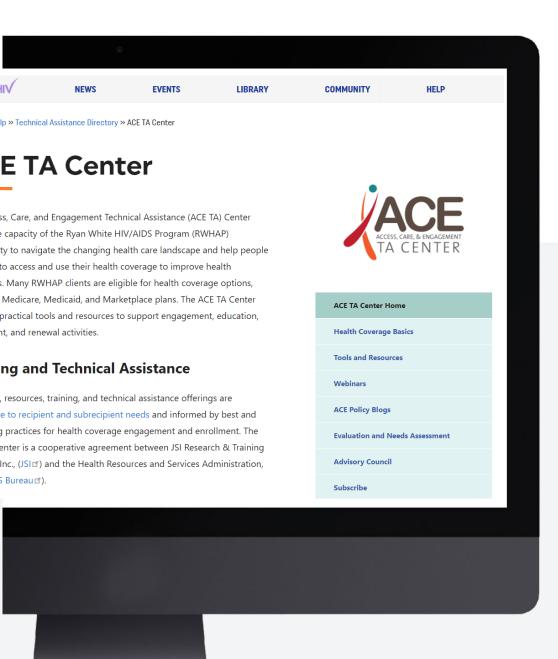
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Engage, enroll, and retain

clients in health coverage (e.g., Marketplace and other private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid).



Communicate with Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) clients

about how to stay enrolled and use health coverage to improve health care access, including through the use of Treatment as Prevention principles.



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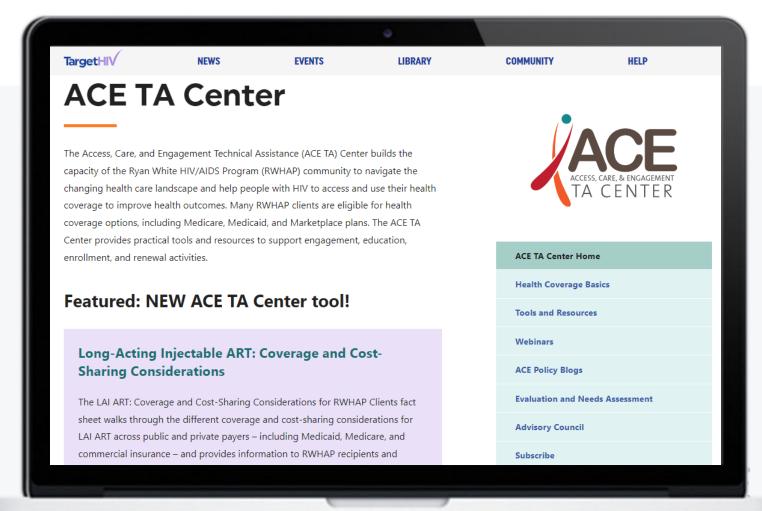
of their communication around health care access and health insurance.



- RWHAP program staff, including case managers
- RWHAP organizations (leaders and managers)
- RWHAP clients
- Navigators, State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors, and other in-person assisters that help enroll RWHAP clients in health coverage

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Roadmap for today's webinar

Medicare
Eligibility for
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Medicare
Prescription Drug
Coverage for
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The Different
Parts of
Medicare







Medicare Enrollment Pathways



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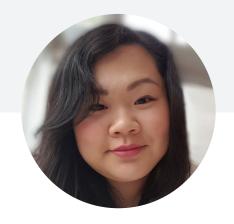
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Audience Poll #1

Has your organization seen an increase in the number of clients becoming eligible for Medicare?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Audience Poll #2

What is the most common reason why clients at your organization are becoming eligible for Medicare?

- Turning 65 and aging into Medicare
- Under 65 with a qualifying disability
- Other (chat in your response)

The changing demographics of RWHAP clients

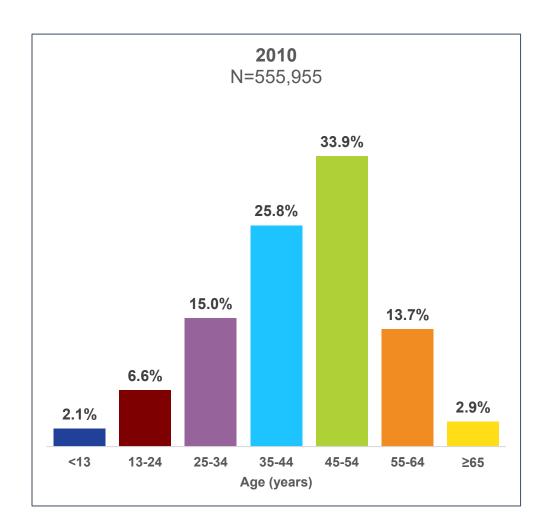


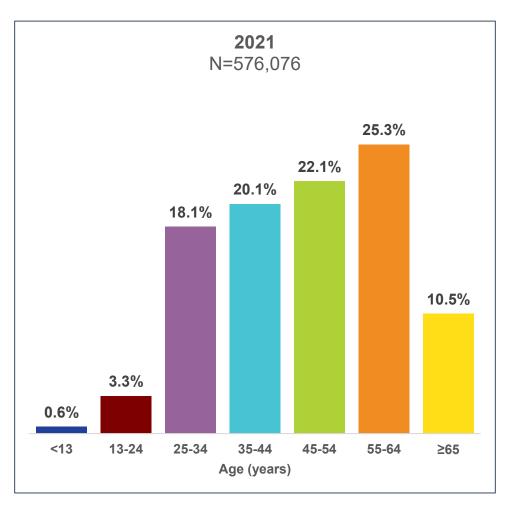
More RWHAP clients are aging into Medicare

- Medicare is the largest source of federal funding for HIV/AIDS care in the U.S.
- Approximately one quarter of people with HIV get their health coverage through Medicare.
- In 2019, 46.8% of RWHAP
 clients were aged 50 years and
 older, and this is projected to rise
 to two-thirds by 2030.

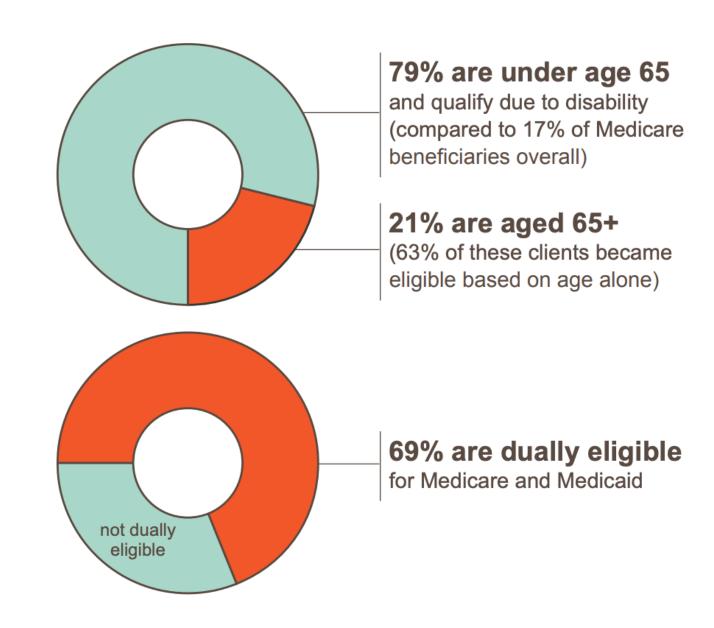


Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program clients, by age group, 2010 and 2021—United States and 3 territories





Medicare beneficiaries with HIV



Medicare eligibility for people with HIV



Primary criteria for Medicare eligibility

- To enroll in Medicare, an individual must be a U.S. citizen or a legal resident for at least five years (with some exceptions).
- Three potential pathways:
 - Age 65 or older
 - Under 65 with a qualifying disability
 - Have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)



Qualifying for Medicare by turning 65

- In order to qualify for certain parts of Medicare without paying a monthly premium ("premium-free" Part A), a person must have 40 quarters of work credits.
 - Earn work credits by working in a job that pays towards Social Security taxes
 - Earn 1 credit per quarter (3 months) and up to 4 credits per year
- Otherwise, they may have to pay a premium for Medicare Part A.



Qualifying for Medicare under 65 with a disability

- In order to qualify for Medicare under age 65 due to a disability, you must:
 - Qualify for Social Security
 Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits
 - Have received SSDI payments for at least 24 months
- HIV status alone generally does not qualify for SSDI
- People with HIV can still qualify for SSDI by meeting the medical requirements for another physical or mental health condition.



Audience Poll #3

What information would be most helpful for staff in your program to understand about Medicare? (Check all that apply.)

- The different parts of Medicare (A, B, C and D)
- The difference between Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medigap policies
- Who is eligible for Medicare
- When to enroll in Medicare
- How to transition from employer coverage to Medicare after age 65
- Medicare penalties and how to avoid them
- Medicare benefits, specifically aging related inpatient and residential services
- Other (chat in your response)



The different Parts of Medicare



Medicare Part A: Hospital coverage



- Inpatient hospital care
- Skilled nursing facility care
- Hospice care
- Home health care





Medicare Part B: Medical coverage



- Covers **medical services** including:
 - Services from doctors and other health care providers
 - Preventative services
 - Outpatient care
 - Medications administered by a physician
 - Home health care
 - Durable medical equipment



Medicare Part D: Prescription drug coverage

- Covers the cost of outpatient prescription drugs.
- Includes all HIV antiretroviral medications





Medicare Parts A, B, and D



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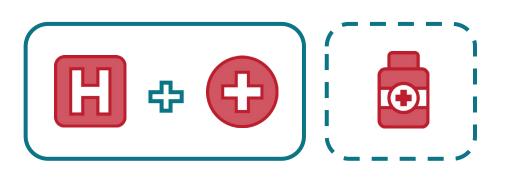
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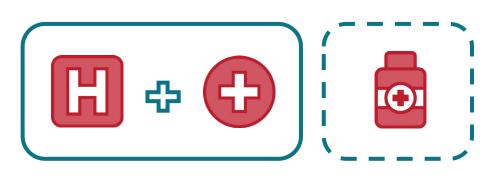
Original Medicare



- Includes hospital (Medicare Part A) and medical coverage (Medicare Part B).
- Supplemental prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D) must be purchased separately.
- Plans administered by the federal government.



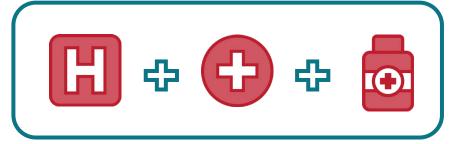
The gaps in Original Medicare coverage



- The Medicare Part A deductible is based on a 90-day benefit period.
 - The deductible can be applied more than once a year.
 - Once the deductible is met, a client could face additional charges for hospitalizations, skilled nursing care, and blood products.
- The Medicare Part B deductible is based on an annual benefit period.
 - After the deductible is met, Medicare pays 80% of approved charges and the client is responsible for the remaining 20%.

Medicare Advantage/ Medicare Part C

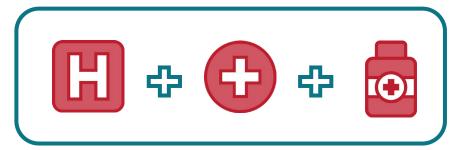




- A "bundled" plan that includes hospital (Medicare Part A), medical (Medicare Part B), and drug coverage (Medicare Part D).
- Medicare Advantage is also called Medicare Part C.
- Plans may have a monthly premium. RWHAP, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), may be able to help.
- May provide extra services, such as vision or dental.
- Administered by private insurance companies that contract with the government.

Opting for Medicare Advantage instead

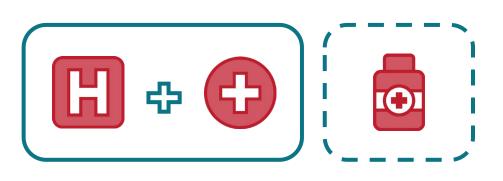




- A client may not be able to find a plan that works with all of their providers and could face higher out-of-pocket costs to see a "out of network" provider.
- May be a better option for clients with less complex medical needs and those who do not often travel outside their state.
- Costs for high level care can add up!

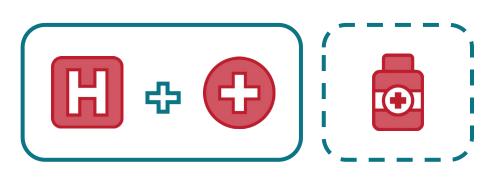


Medicare supplemental insurance (Medigap)



- Medigap policies provide
 supplemental insurance to help
 cover the remaining costs of
 Medicare Parts A and B coverage,
 such as copays and deductibles.
- Sold by private companies but standardized by law.
- A client must have Medicare
 Parts A and B (Original Medicare)
 to enroll in a Medigap policy.
- Does not cover Medicare Part D
 prescription drug coverage copays,
 co-insurance, or deductibles for
 Medicare.

Medicare supplemental insurance (Medigap)



- Medigap beneficiaries pay a monthly premium that determines exactly what their out-of-pocket costs will be, if any.
 - ADAP may or not be able to pay this.
- Usually, the more expensive the plan, the greater the benefits.
- Medigap plans may be a better option for clients with more complex medical needs or clients who travel during the year.



Comparing coverage and costs

- Shop and compare
 Original Medicare and
 Medicare Advantage
 Plans at
 www.medicare.gov
- The RWHAP, including ADAP, may help pay for Medicare premiums, deductibles, and copayments.

Original Medicare (Parts A and B)





Medicare Advantage (also called Part C)



Includes:

- Part A (hospital insurance)
- Part B (medical insurance)

Clients can purchase:

- Part D (prescription drug coverage)
- □ Supplemental coverage to help pay out-of-pocket costs—such as a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy

Plans adminstered by:

The federal government

Includes:

- Part A (hospital insurance)
- Part B (medical insurance)

Most plans include:

Part D (prescription drug coverage)

Some plans also include:

- Lower out-of-pocket costs
- Extra benefits

Plans adminstered by:

 Private insurance companies that contract with the government Medicare Part D: A deeper dive into prescription drug coverage



Two ways to get Medicare prescription drug coverage



Purchasing

an optional **Medicare Part D**prescription drug coverage plan
(along with Original Medicare)



Enrolling

in a Medicare Advantage Plan (Medicare Part C)

- All Medicare prescription drug plans are required to cover all or nearly all drugs in 6 protected drug classes, including HIV antiretroviral treatments.
- HIV drugs are required to be covered without any utilization management (e.g., prior authorization or step therapy).
- However, there are some Part D restrictions for non-HIV medications, including "medication not on formulary" and "quantity limit" issues.

Part D prescription drug coverage

- Original Medicare enrollees only need to have Medicare Part A or Part B to purchase a Part D plan.
- Encourage all clients to enroll in both Part A and B (unless they have coverage that allows them to defer enrollment without incurring a penalty).
- Part D premiums may be expensive, so work with clients to see if they are eligible for the Extra Help program.
- If not, ADAPs can pay the premium, but the decision is up to the individual state/territory ADAPs.

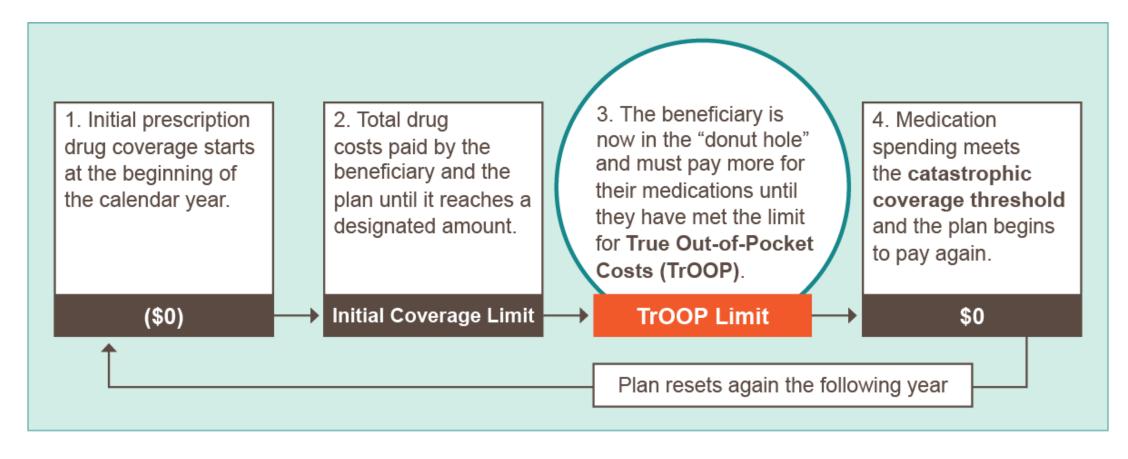


Late enrollment penalty for prescription drug coverage

- Original Medicare enrollees that choose not to enroll in drug coverage when they are first eligible will likely have to pay a late enrollment penalty when joining later, unless they have other creditable prescription drug coverage.
- Creditable prescription drug coverage provides at least as much as Medicare's standard prescription benefits.
 - ✓ TRICARE, Indian Health Service, Veteran's Affairs, employer or union, Marketplace coverage
 - × ADAP is **NOT** creditable prescription drug coverage.

The donut hole for prescription drug coverage

- The coverage gap when Medicare drug coverage has ended but an individual does not yet qualify for catastrophic coverage.
- During this period, the amount an individual pays will be higher.



Knowledge Check #1

Which of the following are true about Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage?

- A. It can be purchased separately from Original Medicare.
- B. It can be part of a bundled Medicare Advantage plan.
- C. There is a late enrollment penalty for people who do not have creditable prescription drug coverage and who do not enroll when they are first eligible.
- D. All of the above

Medicare enrollment pathways



Four Medicare enrollment pathways



Claiming Social Security Benefits

Receiving SSDI or retirement benefits before 65



Special Enrollment Periods (SEP)

For people transitioning from employer coverage after 65, being terminated by Medicaid, and more



Initial Enrollment Period (IEP)

For people about to turn 65



General Enrollment Period (GEP)

For late enrollees



Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) for people about to turn 65

Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP)



If a person signs up for Medicare during the first 3 months of their Initial Enrollment Period, their Medicare coverage will begin on the first day of their birthday month (the fourth month of the IEP*). If a person signs up for Medicare during their birthday month (the fourth month of the IEP*) or during the last 3 months of their Initial Enrollment Period, their Medicare coverage will begin on the first day of the month after they enroll.

^{*}If a person's birthday falls on the first of the month, their IEP is shifted one month earlier to include the 4 months prior to the birthday month, the month the person turns 65, and the 2 months after the birthday month.

Missing the IEP: a lifetime of increased costs

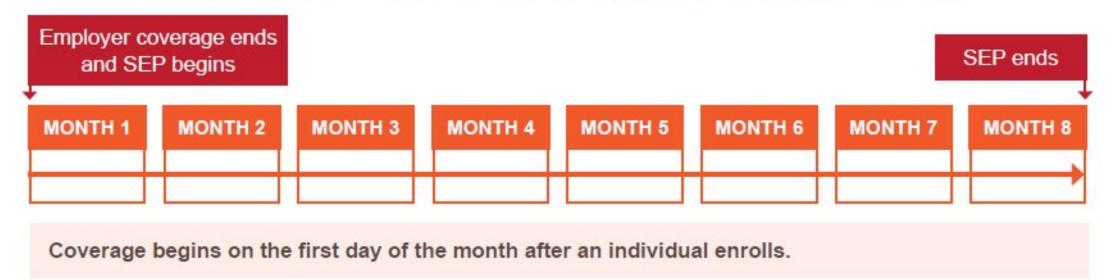
- If a client does not sign up for Medicare Part B during their IEP at age 65 (and do not have employer coverage), they will be subject to a late enrollment penalty:
 - 10% of standard Part B premium for each 12-month period they were eligible
 - This is a lifetime penalty!
- The Medicare Part D late enrollment penalty is significantly smaller, but still a lifetime penalty.



Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for people transferring from employer coverage after 65

- If a client is covered by employer insurance (their own or their spouse's), they are NOT required to sign up for Medicare at age 65.
- When their employer coverage ends, they qualify for an 8-month SEP.

Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for Loss of Employer Coverage



Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for people whose Medicaid eligibility is terminated

- SEP allows clients to enroll in Medicare after termination of Medicaid eligibility. Clients can choose between:
 - Retroactive coverage back to the date of termination (no earlier than 1/1/23), client must pay the premiums for the retroactive covered time period.
 - Coverage beginning the month after the month of enrollment

Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to Coordinate with Termination of Medicaid Coverage



General Enrollment Period (GEP) for late enrollees

- Enroll through the GEP if they missed the IEP and don't qualify for an SEP.
- The GEP runs from January 1 to March 31 annually, coverage will begin on the first of the month after enrollment.
- A client may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for Medicare Part A (if they
 don't qualify for premium-free Part A) or Medicare Part B.
- They cannot enroll in Medicare Part D until their Part A or B coverage starts.

Medicare General Enrollment Period (GEP)

Enrollment



Coverage begins the first day of the month after an individual enrolls. For example, if a person signs up for Medicare during January of the GEP, their Medicare coverage will begin on February 1.

Knowledge Check: Keith



Keith is turning 65 in July. He is currently enrolled in Marketplace coverage. What should he do?

- A. Keep his Marketplace coverage through 2023 and enroll in Medicare during the General Enrollment Period next year.
- B. Enroll in Medicare during his Initial Enrollment Period and then cancel his Marketplace plan.
- C. Enroll through a Special Enrollment Period after his 65th birthday.

Knowledge Check: Sandra



Sandra missed her Initial Enrollment Period and does not qualify for an SEP. She can enroll now during the current General Enrollment Period. When will her Medicare coverage start?

- A. February 2023 (one month after she enrolls)
- B. April 2023 (three months after she enrolls)
- C. July 2023



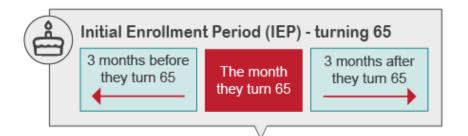
Claiming Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) – under age 65 A person with SSDI will automatically qualify for Medicare after

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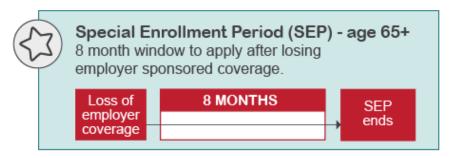
Claiming Social Security Retirement Benefits – age 62 to 65

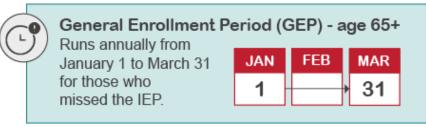
A person may claim Social Security retirement benefits as early as 62, and will be auto-enrolled into Medicare at 65.



Overview of Medicare Enrollment Pathways

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Additional New SEPs

- SEP for individuals impacted by an emergency/disaster
- SEP for health plan or employer error
- SEP for formerly incarcerated individuals
- SEP for other exceptional conditions

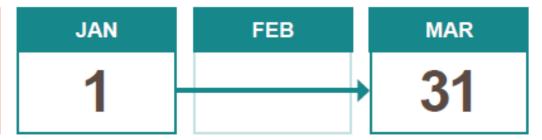


Changing Medicare plans after enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment Period

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Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period



October 15 - December 7 annually

Anyone with Medicare coverage, whether Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage, can make a change to their medical and prescription coverage for the following year.

New coverage begins January 1 the following year.

January 1 - March 31 annually

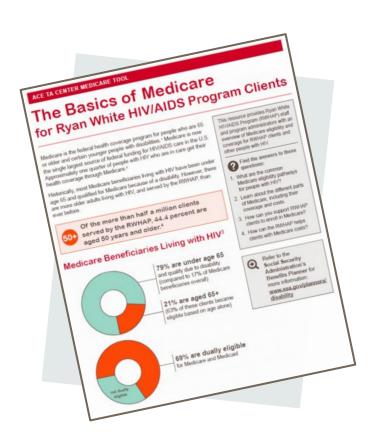
Individuals with Medicare Advantage can switch to a different Medicare Advantage plan or return to Original Medicare.

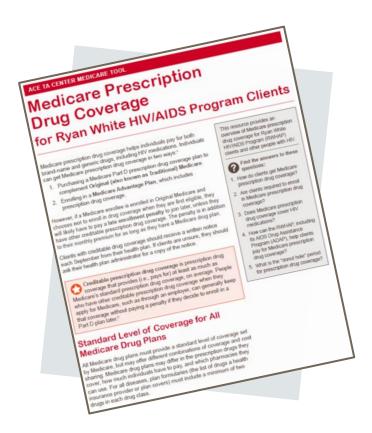
Any changes will be effective the first of the month after the plan gets the request.

Resource Round-Up



ACE TA Center Medicare Resources

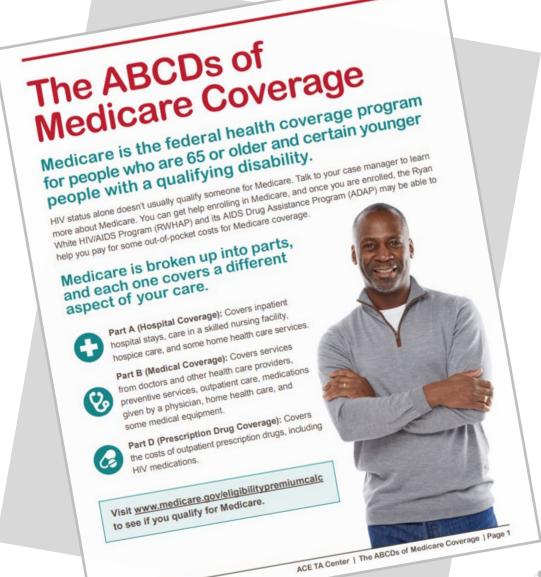








Consumer Resource: The ABCDs of Medicare Coverage



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