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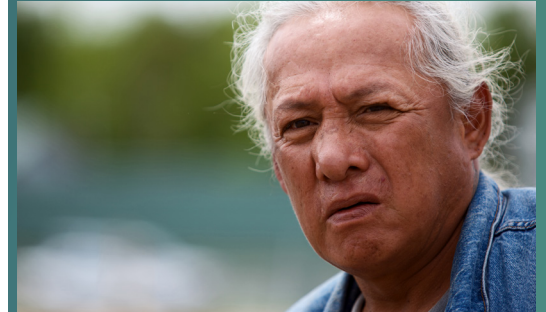
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR MEDICARE ENROLLMENT

PART A (HOSPITAL INSURANCE) - PART B (MEDICAL INSURANCE)
PART C (MEDICARE HEALTH PLAN) - PART D (PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE)

Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) for All Parts

The 7 month period starts 3 months before your 65th birthday and ends 3 months after your birthday month. You can also sign up for a Part C or D plan.*

General Enrollment Period JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31

This is a yearly period when you can sign up for Medicare Parts A/B. Your insurance will start July 1.**

* If you miss enrolling during IEP, you may pay higher premiums.

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Annual Election Period (aka Fall Open Enrollment)

OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 7

During this time you can sign up for a Medicare health plan (Part C) or a Part D drug plan if you didn't sign up during your IEP. This is an important time to compare your plan or change it. Coverage will begin January 1.**

Other Enrollment Periods

Depending on your situation, there are other opportunities to change your Medicare health coverage.



WHERE TO GET HELP

To find out if you are eligible for any of these programs, or how they work with your Indian Health benefits, speak with your clinic's benefits counselor.

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