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## **Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period**

The annual Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MAOEP) is from January 1st through March 31st. During this time Medicare beneficiaries can switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan. Medicare beneficiaries currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan can make one enrollment change during this period. Beneficiaries who may not have switched their plan during the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) or who may be dissatisfied with their current Medicare Advantage Plan, can enroll in a different Medicare Advantage Plan or return to Original Medicare during the MAOEP.

## Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment options are as follows:

- Change to a different Medicare Advantage Plan with or without Prescription Drug coverage, even if there was no Prescription Drug plan with your prior plan. The new coverage will begin on the first day of the following month.
- Disenroll from a Medicare Advantage Plan and return to Original Medicare Part A&B and use a Special Enrollment Period to enroll into a separate Prescription Drug Plan (Part D). This coverage election will begin on the first day of the following month.

To enroll in a different Medicare Advantage Plan, beneficiaries may contact the preferred plan's insurance company directly, call 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227), or enroll online at Medicare.Gov.

For further questions or assistance about Medicare-related health insurance coverage in Wisconsin, contact the Medigap Helpline at **1-800-242-1060** to speak with a counselor.

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