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New Medicare Low-Income Subsidy & Integrated Care Special Enrollment Periods

Effective January 1, 2025, Medicare has two new Special Enrollment Periods (SEP) that Medicare Beneficiaries with Medicaid and/or enrolled in the LIS Extra Help program may be able to change Medicare plans. To use these SEPs to change Medicare Prescription Drug or Advantage Plans, contact the plan directly or **Medicare at 1-800-633-4227**.

Low-Income Subsidy / Dual SEP:

The new LIS/dual SEP allows Medicare beneficiaries who are full benefit dually eligible (Medicare & Medicaid), partial benefit dually eligible, or enrolled in the LIS Extra Help program to use a once-per-month SEP to:

- Elect Original Medicare & Enroll in a **Standalone Prescription Drug Plan** (Part D Plan), or
- Change **Standalone Prescription Drug Plans** (Part D Plans)

(42 CFR §§ 423.38(c)(4) and 423.153(f))

This SEP replaces the quarterly dual/LIS SEP, which allowed enrollments once per quarter rather than once per month.

Integrated Care SEP:

The new Integrated Care SEP allows full-benefit dually eligible (Medicare & Medicaid) individuals a once-per-month Special Enrollment Period into a fully integrated, highly integrated, or applicable **Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)**.

The Integrated Care SEP can only be used by eligible individuals to enroll in D-SNP plans aligned with their SSI Medicaid HMO. An **SSI Medicaid HMO** is a managed care program





designed to provide healthcare services through a specific network of providers. (42CFR § 423.38(c)(35))

Individuals with Medicare and full-benefit Medicaid can typically enroll in an SSI HMO for the first time at any time. Eligible Medicare Beneficiaries can contact an **HMO Enrollment Specialist at 1-800-291-2002** to determine and potentially change their SSI Medicaid HMO enrollment.

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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