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Wisconsin SeniorCare Medicare Special Enrollment Periods

Wisconsin SeniorCare is a program that helps any Wisconsin resident aged 65 or older pay for prescription drugs and vaccines. SeniorCare has four unique levels of coverage determined by an individual or married couple's annual income.

An individual must apply to enroll in SeniorCare. Applications are accepted via mail at any time of year, with coverage starting the month after the application is approved. SeniorCare is considered creditable coverage by Medicare. This means a beneficiary will not have a penalty if they choose SeniorCare instead of Medicare prescription drug coverage. Beneficiaries can be enrolled in both Senior Care and a Medicare prescription plan; SeniorCare will coordinate coverage with the Medicare prescription plan. **For questions about applying for SeniorCare contact 1-800-657-2038.**

Wisconsin SeniorCare is a State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP). Enrolling in a SPAP gives a beneficiary a special enrollment period (SEP) to drop, add, or change a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MAPD) once per year.

An individual may disenroll from a Part D plan to enroll in or maintain other creditable coverage (including SeniorCare). The effective date for disenrollment is the first day of the month following the month the request is received.

An Individual must wait to receive an enrollment confirmation letter from SeniorCare before they can call a Medicare plan or **Medicare (800-633-4227)**



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to utilize a corresponding special enrollment period. It is important that beneficiaries identify that they have a special enrollment period (SEP) because they belong to a SPAP (SeniorCare). They should also indicate that they want to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan, Medicare Advantage, or that they want to disenroll from a Medicare plan to maintain other creditable coverage (SeniorCare).

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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