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### Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period

The annual Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MAOEP) is from January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. During this time individuals can switch to a different Medicare Advantage Plan. Medicare beneficiaries currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, with or without prescription drug coverage can make one enrollment change during this period. An individual who may have not 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 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 obtain a Special Enrollment Period to enroll into a separate Prescription Drug Plan (Part D). The new coverage will begin on the first day of the next 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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