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Additional Enrollment Opportunities for Medicare Members

Medicare-eligible individuals have multiple opportunities to enroll in the most appropriate plan to meet their needs. For more information, visit <u>UCare.org</u>.

Special Enrollment Period (SEP)*

Dec. 8, 2018 - Feb. 28, 2019

Cost Plans, a type of Medicare plan, have closed in 66 Minnesota counties. Individuals whose Cost Plan closed qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

During this enrollment period individuals can:

- Stay with Original Medicare and enroll in a Part D plan
- Disenroll from the converted Medicare Advantage Plan into Original Medicare;
- Enroll in a different Medicare Advantage or Medicare prescription drug plan, with their current company or a new company; or

New coverage will begin:

- Feb. 1, 2019 Enrollment requests received in January
- March 1, 2019 Enrollment requests received in February

*Note: A SEP-eligible enrollee may make only one enrollment change during the SEP

Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period* Jan. 1, 2019 - March 31, 2019

Individuals enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan can make a one-time change to their Medicare Advantage plan during open enrollment. Their new coverage will begin the first of the month after they enroll. **During this enrollment period they can:**

- Enroll in a different Medicare Advantage plan
- Disenroll from a Medicare Advantage plan and return to Original Medicare (with or without a standalone Part D plan)

*Note: Individuals enrolled in Original Medicare on Jan. 1, 2019, are not eligible for the Open Enrollment Period.