

2021 – 2022 Medicare Open Enrollment Period (OEP) timeline

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Early September	The Social Security Administration will verify if some Extra Help recipients are still eligible (“Grey Notice”). These recipients must reply or they’ll lose their coverage at the end of 2021.
Late September	CMS mails the Medicare & You handbook.
September 30	Current plan members must receive Annual Notice of Change (ANOC).
October 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurers may start marketing plans for 2022. • TENTATIVE date Medicare posts 2022 plan and drug benefit data on the Medicare Plan Finder.
October 2	People whose 2021 plan is leaving the Medicare program in 2022 must get notices from plans.
Early October	TENTATIVE timeframe for SHIBA to share 2022 plan lists.
October 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last date employer/union and other group health plans must tell enrollees whether or not their drug coverage is creditable. • 2021 Annual OEP starts.
November 1 – 30	PEBB Open Enrollment, changes effective Jan. 1, 2022.
December 7	2021 Annual OEP ends.
December	Social Security Benefit Rate Change Notice – informs people about benefit changes and Medicare premiums due to cost-of-living increases, etc.

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