

Key 2017 Medicare Dates

This calendar of key Medicare dates was developed to assist states and health plans in the implementation of integrated Medicare and Medicaid programs for dually eligible beneficiaries.¹ For a calendar showing all Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug plan dates for calendar year 2017 and early 2018, see pp. 69-76 of the CMS Final Call Letter for 2018 available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2018.pdf>.

Date	Event
January 1	Contract year starts and enrollment effective date.
January 1	Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Medicare Part D reassignment for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees, or movement of LIS Medicare beneficiaries from their current Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or terminating Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD) to another PDP.
January 10	Medicare Advantage (MA) application for following Calendar Year (CY) released.
January 10	Model of Care (MOC) renewal submission period begins for Special Needs Plans (SNPs) and Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) with approvals ending at the end of CY 2016.
January 31	Deadline for Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) meeting a high level of integration, as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to submit a request to CMS to offer additional supplemental benefits.
Early to Mid-February	CMS notifies D-SNPs requesting the ability to offer additional supplemental benefits whether or not they meet required qualifications.
February 1	Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for CY 2017 for MA Capitation Rates, Part C and Part D Payment Policies and 2017 Draft Call Letter released.
February 15	MA applications due.
February 15	MOC submission period ends for SNPs and MMPs with approvals ending at the end of CY 2016.
March 15	MedPAC and MACPAC reports to Congress released.
April 3	Final Call Letter and announcement of MA capitation rates and Part D payment policies for CY 2017 released.

¹ The dates in this calendar are for 2017 Medicare activities. The exact dates of activities in future years is subject to change.

Date	Event
April 7	CMS launches the plan benefit package (PBP) module in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS); organizations interested in offering a MA, PDP, or Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) product must submit a PBP that accurately describes the coverage details and cost-sharing for all covered benefits by the first Monday in June.
Spring	Mid-year Medicare Part C and D Star ratings released.
May 1	Deadline for MA, MA-PD, and PDP plans to notify CMS of intention to non-renew counties or reduce service area at the contract level.
June 5	Deadline for plans to submit CY 2017 MA, MA-PD, MMP, and PDP bids; plans deciding not to renew their MA contracts must notify CMS in writing.
June 5	Organizations interested in offering a MA, PDP, or MMP product must submit a PBP that accurately describes the coverage details and cost-sharing for all covered benefits.
Mid-June	MedPAC and MACPAC reports to Congress released.
July 1	D-SNP applicants required to submit State Medicaid Agency Contract (SMAC or “MIPPA contract”) to CMS.
July 1	Deadline for D-SNPs requesting to be reviewed as Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (FIDE SNPs) to submit their FIDE SNP matrix to HPMS.
July 29	Deadline for CMS to inform currently contracted MA organizations of its decision not to renew a contract for 2018.
Late July/ Early August	Part D national average monthly bid amount (NAMBA) released.
Mid-September	CMS executes MA and PDP contracts with plans.
Late September	D-SNPs that requested review for FIDE SNP determination notified as to whether they meet required qualifications.
October 1	MA and Medicare Part D marketing begins for CY 2017.
Mid-October	CMS releases Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for new contracts or contract extension for the 2 nd CY after their release.
October 11	Final Medicare Part C and D Star ratings released.
October 15 – December 7	Annual Coordinated Election Period, Medicare-only beneficiaries can enroll in Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D plans (Medicare-Medicaid beneficiaries have a year-round special election period (SEP)).
November 13	NOIAs due for new MA or PDP contracts or extensions.

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