

# Arkansas Insurance Department

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## Medicare Open Enrollment Starts October 15

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**LITTLE ROCK** – Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Allen Kerr today released the following statement reminding Arkansans that Medicare Open Enrollment begins on October 15, 2015:

"As the calendar has turned to October, it is important for Arkansans on Medicare to know that open enrollment starts on October 15. I encourage Medicare recipients to be prepared for this opportunity where they can make the best decisions for their health plans and prescription drug coverage for 2016. It's worth it to take the time to review and compare Medicare options."

During the open enrollment period, Medicare-eligible Arkansans can:

- Change from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan.
- Change from a Medicare Advantage Plan back to Original Medicare.
- Switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another Medicare Advantage Plan.
- Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage.
- Switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan that doesn't offer drug coverage.
- Join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.
- Switch from one Medicare drug plan to another Medicare drug plan.
- Drop your Medicare prescription drug coverage completely.

The Medicare Open Enrollment period runs through December 7, 2015. For further information, Arkansans can visit AID's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) at <http://Insurance.Arkansas.gov/shiip.htm> or call us at 800-224-6330.

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