



Medicare Open Enrollment Period (OEP) is Back for 2019

Starting January 1st, 2019 there will be an Open Enrollment Period that will allow Medicare beneficiaries to make **"like plan"** changes until March 31st, 2019. This is not just an extension of AEP which is between October 15th and December 7th each year. The AEP dates remain unchanged.

The new OEP will allow clients to dis-enroll from their current plan and switch to a different Medicare Advantage plan one time only. They can also dis-enroll from an advantage plan and go back to Original Medicare and then purchase a supplement and/or a PDP.

Just like with the MADP, they can only enroll in the PDP plan if they had drug coverage with the MAPD they dropped. The effective plan dates will be the first of the following month after the client's signature date.

Below are examples of the criteria for allowed changes:

- **MAPD to MAPD**
- **MAPD to Original Medicare and a Part D**
- **Original Medicare and a Part D to MAPD**
- **MA Only plan to MA Only plan**
- **MA Only plan to Original Medicare**
- **Original Medicare to MA Only plan**

If you have any questions please give us a call at **800-247-6740**.