

## Changes to Medicare Enrollment Periods for 2023

### Medicare General Enrollment (GEP)

Medicare General Enrollment is underway from January 1st-March 31st.

During this time, Medicare enrollees/eligibles have the following options:

- Enroll in Part A and/or B coverage to begin **the first day of the month after the client enrolls** (if not automatically enrolled during the initial enrollment period)
  - For example: if a person signs up for Medicare during January of the GEP, Medicare coverage will begin on February 1st

### Medicare Initial Enrollment (IEP) Period

- Medicare IEP is a seven-month period centered around a person's 65th birthday month. Previously, people who enrolled in Medicare during the last three months of their IEP would not have coverage until two to three months later.
- Now, people who enroll in Medicare during the last three months of their IEP will have coverage beginning on the 1st of the month following enrollment, which reduces potential gaps in coverage.

### Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP)

New Medicare Part B SEPs are available for those who may have missed their IEP or GEP, including:

- A six-month SEP for individuals who missed an enrollment opportunity because they were impacted by a federal, state, or local emergency or disaster that was declared on or after January 1, 2023.
- A six-month SEP for individuals whose Medicaid coverage was terminated on or after January 1, 2023, with an option to request retroactive coverage and for any Medicare late enrollment penalties to be repealed.
- A 12-month SEP for individuals who were released from incarceration on or after January 1, 2023, with an option to request retroactive coverage back to their release date.

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