

2019 – 2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Period (OEP) Timeline

2019	
Early September	Social Security checks if some Extra Help (Low-Income Subsidy) clients can still qualify. They must reply or they'll lose their coverage at the end of 2019.
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"> Organizations may start marketing plans for 2020. TENTATIVE date Medicare posts 2020 plan and drug benefit data on the Medicare Plan Finder.
October 2	People whose 2019 plan is leaving the Medicare program in 2020 must get notices from plans.
Early October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TENTATIVE timeframe for SHIBA to publish paper copies of 2020 Part D plan lists. TENTATIVE timeframe for SHIBA to post online Medicare Advantage plan lists for sale in Washington state by county.
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. 2019 Annual OEP starts.
November 1 – 30	PEBB Open Enrollment, changes effective January 1, 2020.
December 7	2019 Annual OEP ends.
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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January 1	Changes made during OEP take effect.									
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January 1 – March 31	Medicare Advantage OEP occurs.									
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