

Information about the Medicare Contract

The Medicare contract is renewed annually, and the availability of coverage beyond the end of the current year is not guaranteed. You are eligible to enroll if you are entitled to Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B and you live in the service area. You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

All Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Part D plans agree to stay in the program for a full calendar year at a time. Plan benefits and cost-sharing may change from calendar year to calendar year. Each year, plans can decide whether to continue to participate with Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D. A plan may continue in their entire service area (geographic area where the plan accepts members) or choose to continue only in certain areas.

Also, Medicare may decide to end a contract with a plan. Even if your Medicare Advantage plan or Medicare Part D plan leaves the program, you will not lose Medicare coverage.

If a plan decides not to continue for an additional calendar year, it must send you a letter at least 60 days before your coverage will end. The letter will explain your options for Medicare coverage in your area.

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