

The Niagara County HIICAP program provides confidential unbiased information, counseling and assistance with up to date information about Medicare and most other insurances. Our Counselors are trained to assist you with your health insurance questions and problems.

Happy New Year! This Month's topic is Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period

If you are dissatisfied with a Medicare Advantage Plan you chose during the Fall Open Enrollment, you can change your plan during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA OEP).

The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA OEP) takes place each year from January 1 to March 31, with changes taking effect on the first of the month following the month you enroll.

During this time, you can switch from one Medicare Advantage Plan to another, or switch from a Medicare Advantage Plan to Original Medicare, with or without a Medicare D prescription drug plan.

If you research a plan online, also call the plan to confirm what you learned. Make sure the plan includes your doctors and hospitals in its network. Confirm that the plan covers all your drugs and that your pharmacies are in the preferred network. Write down details of your conversation with the plan you call including the date, time, and name of the representative you spoke with and any outcomes or next steps. This may help protect you if a plan representative gives you any misinformation.

Call the HIICAP Program today for more information about Medicare options and cost assistance programs at 716-438-3030.