

2026 Medicare Changes

Open enrollment for Medicare begins **October 15th** and ends **December 7th**. If you already have Medicare, this period is a good time to review your benefits and make any changes. You can also use this time to switch plans if interested. Review Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage and Medigap coverage and the differences in each plan to ensure you choose the option that works best for you.

As some of you may be aware, there are some changes coming to Medicare in 2026. Due to the Inflation Reduction Act, patients' out of pocket maximum for prescription drug expenses will be \$2100 per year for medications that are part of their plan's formulary, which is \$100 increase from 2025. Additionally, the deductible for Medicare Part D is increasing by \$25, to \$615 per year. We encourage you to check your Part D plan to make sure that your medication is covered. You can search Part D plans in your area at the [Medicare Plan Finder](#) website. If you enter your zip code and your medication name, you will see the coverage available to you.

Some additional resources that may be helpful:

- Insurance can be confusing so if you need support navigating your options, reach out to your [State Health Insurance Assistance Program \(SHIP\)](#) and click the SHIP Locator button to choose your state.
- Help from Medicare is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).
- [Medicare Enrollment Quick Guide](#) by Triage Health.
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Pharmaceutical companies also have assistance programs that can be helpful answering questions around their medications and Medicare coverage. For more information you can reach out to the following:

- Vyndamax (Tafamidis): [Open Enrollment | VYNDAMAX® \(tafamidis\)](#)
- Attruby (Acoramidis): [Forging Bridges](#)
- Amvuttra (Vutisiran): [Alnylam Assist](#)
- Ompatro (Patisiran): [Alnylam Assist](#)
- Wainua (Eplontersen): [AZ Patient Support](#)

You can also reach out to support@arci.org with questions or concerns related to your situation.