

Public Health Emergency Unwinding Medicare Eligibility and Enrollment Opportunity

Understanding Your Options for Health Insurance

What is happening?



If you became eligible for Medicare after January 31, 2020 but did not enroll due to the public health emergency (PHE) and Medicaid coverage, you may have missed a Medicare enrollment period. Medicaid renewals are starting and you may lose coverage.

What does this mean for me?



You can now enroll in Medicare. New federal rules create a Special Enrollment Period to allow you to enroll in Medicare outside of Open Enrollment Period or General Enrollment without a late penalty. You may also enroll in a Medicare Supplement Plan with guaranteed issue rights.

What can I do?



You can enroll in Medicare through a Special Enrollment Period when you are notified that your Medicaid coverage is ending. To learn more about Medicare eligibility, you can visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov) and click “*Get Started with Medicare*”.

Need assistance?



Licensed insurance agents are available to assist you at no cost to you. Call [1-855-459-6328](tel:1-855-459-6328) for help finding an agent in your community or visit kynect.ky.gov/healthcoverage and click “[Get Local Help](#)”

You can also get free help from knowledgeable insurance counselors through the Kentucky State Health Insurance Program (SHIP). They can help you understand Medicare and how to sign up. The SHIP Hotline is [1-877-293-7447](tel:1-877-293-7447) (option #2) or call The Department for Aging and Independent Living at [\(502\) 564- 6930](tel:502-564-6930)