



Special Enrollment Period for Medicare Advantage Plan Members Impacted by Network Changes in NE

The state of Nebraska has advised that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance of a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for certain Medicare Advantage (MA) plan members affected by specific health care providers leaving the Plan's network. Affected members will have the opportunity to enroll in a different MA plan or Original Medicare. If individuals choose to enroll in Original Medicare, they will have a Guaranteed Issue (GI) right to enroll in certain Medicare Supplement Plans such as AARP® Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans from UnitedHealthcare®. Members will be notified by their MA plan carrier if they are eligible for the SEP.

Special Enrollment Period

Individuals eligible for a SEP are:

- Enrolled in an Aetna, Centene Health, or Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage plan; and
- Assigned to, currently receiving care from, or have received care within the last 3 months from a Great Plains Health provider or facility.

Or

- Enrolled in a Humana Medicare Advantage plan; and
- Assigned to or currently receiving care from a Sandford Health contracted provider.

Medicare Supplement Guaranteed Issue Eligibility

Individuals who choose to enroll in Original Medicare and an eligible Medicare Supplement plan during the SEP will have a GI right into the Medicare Supplement plan. The Medicare Supplement GI period starts 60-days before the individual's MA plan disenrollment date and ends 63-days after the individual's MA plan disenrollment date.

Eligible Guaranteed Issue AARP Medicare Supplement Plans are:

- A, B, C, F, K, and L for individuals who turned 65 or have a Medicare Part A effective date prior to January 1, 2020.
- A, B, G, K, and L for individuals who turn 65 and have a Medicare Part A effective date on or after January 1, 2020.

Those looking to enroll in an AARP Medicare Supplement Plan will need to submit a copy of the notification they received from their MA plan carrier advising them that they are eligible for the SEP.

Here to Help

For questions, contact the [Producer Help Desk \(PHD\) via Chat on Jarvis](#) or call 1-888-381-8581. For Spanish, call 1-866-235-5990.

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