



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## What to Know as Medicare Enrollment Begins

Medicare open enrollment is October 15 through Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you're in a Medicare Advantage HMO you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare, the go-anywhere, see-anyone version of Medicare.

Or if you have Original Medicare, you can switch to a Medicare Advantage network. Keep in mind that federal investigators have found troubling denials in the Advantage program. Now is the time to decide if you want the freedom of Original Medicare or want to take a risk with Medicare Advantage.

Until the president's recent executive order is implemented - the deadline is March 31 -- you must enroll in Medicare to receive your Social Security benefits. After that you can opt out of Medicare and still get paid.

**"Medicare Enrollment Guide,"** MedicareAdvantage.com, accessed October 8, 2019: <https://bit.ly/2BjuJRE>

**When are Medicare Enrollment Periods?** Medicare Matters, National Council on Aging, n.d. Accessed October 8, 2019: <https://bit.ly/1QcTwGg>

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