



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) clarified that a special enrollment period (SEP) is available for beneficiaries who were eligible for – but unable to make – a valid election because they were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Who qualifies**
 - Medicare beneficiaries affected by a weather-related emergency or major disaster (COVID-19) who had a valid election period available to them, but were unable to or did not make an election during that valid election period as a result of the emergency or major disaster.
- **How it works**
 - An SEP exists for the period defined below for these individuals to make an enrollment or disenrollment.
 - An eligible beneficiary will be given one opportunity to make that missed election as a result of this SEP.
 - Beneficiaries will **NOT** be expected to provide proof that they were affected by the pandemic-related emergency.
- **Time period**
 - March 1 – June 30, 2020
- **Availability**
 - This SEP impacts residents of all 50 states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia.

[Click here](#) to access CMS' Questions and Answers document.

This COVID-19 SEP should **NOT** be used as a new marketing opportunity by any agents or agencies to promote Medicare Advantage or PDP sales. Agents should not actively market this SEP, but rather, should be aware of this SEP for those Medicare beneficiaries who qualify.

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