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Annual Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D
October 15, 2025 Through December 7, 2025

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) is pleased to announce the Open Enrollment Period for the 2026 Medicare drug plans, nationally known as Medicare Part D, will begin for people on Guam on October 16, 2025 and will end on December 7, 2025. The difference in the start date is due to the difference in time zones between Guam and the U.S. mainland.

Plan costs and covered benefits can change from year to year. Throughout this period, Medicare beneficiaries may enroll in a drug plan, switch to a new drug plan or terminate from this voluntary prescription drug program. People with Medicare should look at their coverage choices and decide the options that best fits their health needs.

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment appointments are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., through Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at the DSC office located at 130 University Drive Suite 8 Castle Mall building Mangilao, Guam.

Medicare Part D presentations will take place every Thursday beginning October 16, 2025 and ending December 4, 2025 at the DSC Office starting at 2:00 p.m. There will be no counseling on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 in observance of Veteran's Day and no presentation on Thursday November 27, 2025 in observance of Thanksgiving.

During the Part D Open Enrollment period from October 15 through December 7, the Guam Medicare Assistance office with DSC does assist Medicare beneficiaries enroll in Part D Prescription Drug coverage, but does not assist beneficiaries enroll in Medicare Part A Hospital or Part B Medical Insurance - a beneficiary would have to contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

The Guam Medicare Assistance Program is funded in part through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) grant no. 90SAPG0122 which provides one-on-one assistance,

counseling, and education to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers, and the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) grant no. 90MPPG0089 which assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud. For grant year FY2025, the Guam SHIP was awarded \$61,359.00 and the Guam SMP was awarded 99,897.00. As of 2025 there are approximately 20,434 Medicare beneficiaries on Guam (<https://data.cms.gov/>).

If you would like to learn more about Medicare Part D and the 2026 prescription drug plan, visit www.medicare.gov, call: 1-800-MEDICARE or 1-800-633-4227 or contact the Guam Medicare Assistance Program (Guam MAP) within the Division of Senior Citizens at (671) 735-7421/7415 or email Biba.SeniorCitizens@dphss.guam.gov. For those Medicare beneficiaries who do not wish to change their current coverage, you do not need to re-enroll.

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