



NRLN Review



NRLN Review, Summary for September 2024

The NRLN Review provides a monthly report on National Retiree Legislative Network actions, events in Congress and important retirement news.

Medicare Advantage Insurers to Drop Over 1 Million Enrollees

Among the headline links to September news articles posted below there is information that adds up to over 1 million enrollees will be dropped from their current Medicare Advantage (MA) plans in 2025.

NRLN members with an MA plan who have not been notified about the status of their plan for next year should call their MA insurance company or their insurance agent to ask whether their current coverage will be offered in 2025.

If your MA plan provider is discontinuing your plan on December 31, 2024, it has an obligation under federal to notify you that you have a Guaranteed Issue Right (GIR) to get another MA plan or go into original Medicare, and if you choose, purchase an original Medicare supplement plan (Medigap).

If your MA insurer has informed you that your plan will not be available next year but has not notified you about your GIR, the NRLN encourages to you let us know at contact@nrln.org. Provide your city, state plus the name of your MA plan insurance company and whether it is an HMO or PPO.

More information will be provided soon on what you may do if your MA plan is discontinued.

Video Provides Instructions on How to Search for Medigap Plans

During September NRLN created a video that is posted on the NRLN website at www.nrln.org which provides step-by-step instructions on how to search for the best value in original Medicare supplement plans (Medigap) on www.medicare.gov.

Another video will be created and posted in early October on how to search for Medicare Advantage plans on www.medicare.gov.

The videos are intended to help individuals during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period October 15 – December 7.

Weekly Series on Medicare related issues

During September the NRLN website featured a series of postings on Medicare related issues.

September 2, Read Your Medicare Notice of Change When It Arrives
September 9, Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Coming in January
September 16, Changing Prescription Drug Plan Is an Option During Open Enrollment
September 23, Basic Information about Original Medicare
September 30, Basic Information about Medicare Advantage

Key News Articles Posted in September

During September, 57 links to news articles related to retirement issues were researched and posted daily IN THE NEWS on the NRLN website home page. The headlines below are links to the articles. Or, read the articles at www.nrln.org under IN THE NEWS in the right column. Scroll down the right column and click on the headline to access the article you want to read. Below are some of the headline links.

[Medicare Advantage season arrives with a dose of confusion and political implications](#) – Sept. 30
[Historic numbers of Americans live by themselves as they age](#) – Sept. 30
[Average 2025 Medicare Advantage Premiums Revealed: Here's How Your Wallet May Be Hit](#) – Sept. 28
[Medicare Advantage shopping season arrives with a dose of confusion and some political implications](#) – Sept. 28
[As Election Looms, Medicare Premiums Will 'Remain Stable' For 2025](#) – Sept. 27
[Biden-Harris admin probe urged over Medicare premium offset plan before election](#) – Sept. 27
[What Happens If My Medicare Advantage Plan Has Been Canceled?](#) – Sept. 26
[As Medicare Open Enrollment Approaches, Seniors Don't Study Options](#) – Sept. 26
[Effort to force vote on Social Security bill stirs unrest in House GOP](#) – Sept. 26
[New Bill Increases Social Security Death Benefit](#) – Sept. 26
[How Much Will Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Premiums Increase In 2025?](#) – Sept. 25
[Bill to boost Social Security for public workers heads to a vote](#) – Sept. 25
[What Raising Retirement Age to 69 Would Do to Social Security](#) – Sept. 25
[Seniors May See Huge Increases to Medicare Advantage Costs](#) – Sept. 23
[Medicare 2025: Big Changes Are on the Way](#) – Sept. 23
[Commentary: The Scariest Number About Social Security Is 0.5%](#) – Sept. 21
[House Panel Approves Medicare-Related Telehealth Bill; Full Vote To Come](#) – Sept. 20
[An appeals court has revived a challenge to President Biden's Medicare drug price reduction program](#) – Sept. 20
[Here's how Biden is averting a spike in Medicare drug plan premiums](#) – Sept. 19
[Cigna to cut Medicare Advantage plans in several states](#) – Sept. 19
[Oak Street Health Agrees to \\$60 Million Settlement Over Alleged Medicare Kickback Scheme](#) – Sept. 19
['Social Security Fairness Act' to head to the House floor](#) – Sept. 19,
[9 Major Medicare Changes for 2025 and How They'll Impact Your Coverage](#) – Sept. 17
[Changes to Medicare Are Coming in 2025: Here's What You Can Expect](#) – Sept. 16
[More Than 500,000 Americans Set to Lose Their Medicare Advantage Plans](#) – Sept. 16
[KFF: Insurers set to rake in \\$11.8B in Medicare quality bonus payments for 2024](#) – Sept. 15
[Medicare Advantage Customers Face Shrinking Pool of Insurers](#) – Sept. 12
[Bipartisan group of lawmakers wants to eliminate Social Security rules affecting public employees.](#)
[What could happen next](#) – Sept. 12
[What Medicare Negotiation Tells Us About Drug Pricing In The U.S.](#) – Sept. 13
[Medicare Advantage Plans Rise to 32.8M Enrollees in 2024](#) – Sept. 13
[Medicare Advantage bonuses poised to drop this year for first time since 2015, KFF says](#) – Sept 13
[Feds suspend new enrollment in a Centene Medicare Advantage plan](#) – Sept. 13
[Impact of Recent Legislation on Medicare Benefits](#) – Sept. 13
[More Than 500,000 Americans Set to Lose Their Medicare Advantage Plans](#) – Sept. 11
[Get the New 'Medicare & You' Handbook for 2025](#) – Sept. 11
[Cancer patients could save over \\$7,000 thanks to new Medicare drug law](#) – Sept. 11
[Social Security commissioner says budget cut would be 'devastating'](#) Savannah – Sept. 11

[Wyden Says Trillions in Taxes Dodged by Ultra-Rich Could Fund Social Security Until 2100](#) – Sept. 11
[How Medicare could change under a Trump or Harris presidency](#) – Sept. 10
[Harris and Trump are ready to take on Big Pharma](#) – Sept. 10
[AI linked to surge in Medicare Advantage, commercial claims denials: AHA](#) – Sept. 10
[Ending Taxes on Social Security Would Help \(Some\) Retirees, at a Price](#) – Sept. 10
[Social Security Trust Funds Shrank by \\$41 Billion Last Year. Here's What That Means for Retirees](#) – Sept. 8
[Social Security Administration Announces New Streamlined SSI Application](#) – Sept. 6
[Social Security Fears Growing Among Americans](#) – Sept. 6
[Ending the tax on US Social Security income should be part of a broader reform](#) – Sept. 5
[Should rich Americans still receive Social Security benefits?](#) – Sept. 5
[Will Big Health Insurers Expand 2025 Medicare Advantage Footprints?](#) – Sept. 3
[Medicare Prices Are Going Up in 2025: Here's How Much](#) – Sept. 4
[Will 2025 Mark a Turning Point for Medicare Advantage?](#) – Sept. 4
[Humana exiting Medicare Advantage in 13 markets](#) – Sept. 4

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