

Open Enrollment Period for 2026 HealthCare.gov

Scheduled Maintenance Windows

Every year, CMS establishes scheduled maintenance windows for HealthCare.gov. Like other IT systems, these scheduled maintenance windows are how we update and improve our systems to run optimally and are the normal course of business.

Consumer access to HealthCare.gov will be limited while systems are updated. Maintenance will only occur when deemed necessary to provide consumers with a better shopping experience. The purpose in scheduling these times is to minimize any consumer disruption.

Similar to the last several years, in order to allow agents, brokers, assisters, and states to plan in advance of Open Enrollment, we are sharing the maximum potential windows of scheduled maintenance on HealthCare.gov for the upcoming Open Enrollment period.

It is important to note that these times are the maximum windows for scheduled maintenance activities that require limiting or restricting consumer access to HealthCare.gov. Consistent with past years, CMS anticipates the actual maintenance periods may be shorter. As with all IT systems, there is a possibility that unscheduled work will be needed, in which case CMS will use existing channels to notify stakeholders.

Potential maximum scheduled HealthCare.gov maintenance windows for this upcoming Open Enrollment period are:

- Saturday, November 1, 2025, early morning to make final preparations ahead of the start of the Open Enrollment period
- Sundays, November 2, November 16, December 7, December 21, and January 11 from 12:00am to 7:00am