

<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between late January and early February, updated federal poverty levels (FPL) are released. Once released, the income eligibility guidelines for Medicaid, Medicare Savings Programs, and Extra Help are available. Dialysis Compare star ratings available. 	<p>February</p> <p>In mid-February, the draft call letter is released by CMS. It shows proposed changes to Medicare Part C and D for the following plan year. Comments are accepted.</p>	<p>March</p>
<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In early April, the final call letter is released. It incorporates comments that were received on the draft call letter and provides final guidance regarding changes to the Part C and D programs for the following plan year. CMS holds a conference call training the week the final call letter is released to review the changes and take questions from plans and other stakeholders. Hospital Compare Patient Survey (HCAHPS) star ratings available. 	<p>May</p>	<p>June</p>
<p>July</p>	<p>August</p> <p>In early August the initial Part C and D plan data is released for the following plan year, including figures such as the national average premium, the base beneficiary premium, regional low-income subsidy benchmarks, Part D IRMAA amounts, etc.</p>	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In mid-September the Part C and D plan landscape files are released. These files provide an initial, high-level look at the Part C and D plans that will be offered in each state for the following plan year. Medicare & You handbook starts mailing to beneficiary households with local plan data.
<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Medicare Part C and D plan data is released and can be found on the Medicare Plan Finder. In early – mid October the updated Part C and D star ratings are released on the Medicare Plan Finder. In early October – mid-November updated Part A and B premiums, deductibles, and copayment amounts are released for the following calendar year. Timing can vary greatly. In late fall updated Extra Help resource limits are released for the following calendar year. The updated income levels still aren't released until the new FPL data is released the following January or February. 	<p>November</p>	<p>December</p>