The 5-Star Special Enrollment Period

The Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage (HMO) health plan is the only Medicare plan in Washington rated 5 out of 5 Stars for 2020.¹ This rating gives your eligible clients the opportunity to switch to our 5-Star rated Medicare Advantage health plan during the 5-Star Special Enrollment Period (SEP).

When is the 5-star SEP for 2020?

• The 5-star SEP, which began December 8, 2019, runs through November 30, 2020.

• If you enroll an eligible client in our Medicare Advantage plan during the 5-star SEP, the plan’s effective date will be the first of the month following the month we receive your enrollment request.

What can your eligible clients do during the 5-star SEP?

They can switch one time to a Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plan from any of the following:

• Medicare Advantage plan
• Medicare cost plan
• Medicare prescription drug plan
• Original Medicare

Who is eligible to switch to a Kaiser Permanente Medicare health plan during the 5-star SEP?

The 5-star SEP is available to anyone who:

• Is enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B

• Resides in the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Medicare Advantage service area²

• Is not medically determined to have end-stage renal disease (unless the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services exception applies)

• Has not already used the 5-star SEP to enroll in a plan for 2020

¹Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system. This star rating applies to Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington.
²Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage service areas in Washington include: Grays Harbor, Island, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, and Whatcom counties.

Want more information about the 5-star SEP?

• Call us at 1-800-581-8252
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When submitting an enrollment form during the 5-star SEP, you don’t need to make a selection in the “Attestation of Eligibility” section.