

2018 MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

Dates and deadlines you need to know



OCT. 15, 2017

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS

This is the first day you can enroll for 2018 health coverage.



DEC. 7, 2017

OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS

This is the last day you can enroll for 2018 health coverage.



JAN. 1, 2018

FIRST DATE COVERAGE CAN START

Even if you enroll in December 2017, your new Medicare plan won't go into effect until Jan. 1, 2018.

Shopping for a new Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage plan for 2018 could save you money.

Ah, the rituals of fall: The leaves change color. The temperature drops. Sweaters and boots pop out of the closet. And Medicare opens the doors for beneficiaries to shop for Part D and Advantage plans. As you cozy up to the first fire of the season, now is the time to peruse your options to see if you can find a better deal than your current Medicare coverage.

You get about two months to shop. The window opens October 15 and closes December 7. During open enrollment, beneficiaries can choose to switch Part D prescription-drug plans; switch Advantage plans, which offer health coverage through private insurers; or switch from traditional Medicare to Medicare Advantage. New coverage starts January 1, 2018.

Even if you're happy with your current plan, it can pay to shop around. "Your plan may have been best for 2017, but maybe not for 2018,"

If you need help, stay tuned for our upcoming Medicare enrollment meetings which will be held this month or see Sister Cynthia Randall or Sis Victoria Adams our in-house Medicare Counselors.



DTE Low Income Programs

DTE Energy understands the importance of energy in our daily lives. That's why we work with government agencies and community organizations to bring energy and payment assistance to low-income residents. We offer several programs to assist our customers with paying their energy bills.

If you are behind on your energy bill, please contact us at [800.477.4747](tel:800.477.4747) before your service is subject to shutoff. We will work with you to set up a payment plan or advise you of assistance agencies in your area.

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE DAYS

Today in Michigan, more than one million people are living below the federal poverty level. Our state's struggling economy—coupled with our unforgiving winters—means the need for utility bill payment assistance is great. DTE Energy partners with local agencies and organizations to provide case management solutions, energy efficiency education and utility payment assistance to customers in need throughout the year.

Onsite services include:

- Help with applying for energy assistance
- Energy efficiency and education—tips to help you reduce your energy bills
- Access to various human services agencies and more

2017 Schedule

Location	Date	Time	Address
Oakdale Park Reformed Christian Church	10/20/17	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	961 Temple St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507
Jesus Tabernacle	11/03/17	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	11001 Chalmers Detroit, MI 48213
Fellowship Chapel	11/09/17	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	7707 W Outer Dr. Detroit, MI 48235

DTE Energy often partners with local human service agencies to conduct events in your area to provide utility assistance. Registration is required to attend these CAD events. Please call: [800.866.8429](tel:800.866.8429) then press 3 to register.

All customers who register for DTE events must bring the following items:

[DTE Energy Bill](#)

- Most recent DTE Energy bill

[Michigan ID](#)

- Valid Michigan ID for all household members over the age of 18, such as a driver's license, state ID, passport, etc.

[Social Security Card](#)

- Social Security cards for all household members regardless of age

[Proof of Income](#)

- Proof of income for the last 30 days—four weekly pay stubs, two bi-weekly pay stubs or one monthly pay stub

[SSI Statement](#)

- 2016 Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Statement

Low income families may qualify for DTE Energy's [Low Income Self-Sufficiency Plan](#). This program allows you to make affordable monthly payments based on your income.