

2017 and 2018 SHIP and SMP Medicare Minute Topics

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January	What's New in 2017?	What's New in 2018
February	Part D Special Election Periods	Medicare Coverage of Preventive Care
March	Medicare Coverage of Hospital Stays	How Medicare Works with Federal and Military Benefits
April	How Medicare Works With Current Employee Coverage	Understanding Medicare Documents: MSNs, EOBs, and the New Medicare Card
May	Medicare Savings Programs	PartD Appeals
June	Medicare and Medicaid	How to Afford Your Part D Drug Costs
July	Medicare and the Health Insurance Marketplace	Durable Medical Equipment
August	Common Medicare Open Enrollment Notices	Medicare Coverage of Home HealthCare
September	Open Enrollment Period	Medicare's Open Enrollment Period
October	Protecting Yourself from Enrollment Fraud	Medicare Coverage of Mental Health Services
November	Discharge Appeals	Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage Providers
December	Troubleshooting Medicare	Speaking with Your Providers
January		2019; What's New in 2019?

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