

Open Enrollment open extended for 3 days (original deadline was COB today), and is limited only to seniors who contact any of several sources of assistance on or before the close of business Wednesday: counselors with the government-funded State Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP), Medicare's toll-free information line, 1-800-633-4227; and other Medicare-partner organizations such as the Medicare Rights Center, local agencies on aging, and the National Council on Aging. They can leave messages if necessary requesting help. Then, starting on Thursday, those beneficiaries will be called back and will receive assistance. All "call-back enrollments" must be completed before 12:01 a.m. Sunday, the spokesman said.

For more information:

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