Tricare Open Season 2026 Deadline Matrix

Tricare and Federal Benefits open season dates, Nov. 9, 2026 to Jan. 1, 2027

Tricare changes take effect Fri., Jan. 1



DATE	DAYS BEFORE TRICARE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT	TRICARE OPEN SEASON	FEDERAL BENEFITS OPEN SEASON	DONE
Mon., Nov. 9	**53**	Opens	Opens	☐
Tue., Dec. 8	**24**	Closes	open until Dec. 14	☐
Mon., Dec. 14	**18**		Closes	☐
Fri., Jan. 1	**0**	Changes take effect		☐

Not yet confirmed

Open and close times of day: No source states a time or time zone.

Plan-change fees or costs: Not mentioned on tricare.mil/OpenSeason.

Medicare-eligible beneficiaries: Not named on the Tricare pages; only Tricare For Life is excluded.

Federal Benefits 2026 release date: OPM page shows only 'Today'; dates confirmed by tricare.mil as well.

My notes

Source: Tricare Open Season page (tricare.mil/OpenSeason, updated Oct. 27, 2026); U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Tricare states no time of day.