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ACA BLACKOUT PERIODS

Carrier	Transfer Blackout - From	Transfer Blackout - To	Contracting Blackout - From	Contracting Blackout - To
22 Health Plan	TBC		TBC	
Ambetter	Jun 16	Apr 15	-	-
AvMed	Nov 2024	TBA	Nov 2024	TBA
BCBS AZ	Nov 1	Jan 31	Nov 1	Jan 31
BCBS MI	Sep 1	Jan 31	-	-
BCBS NC	No final date; usually closes at OEP start until Q1		-	-
BCBS SC	Sep 1	Mar 1	-	-
Cigna	Available until Dec 31, 2026			
Christus Health	Sep 1	Dec 31	-	-
Harbor Health	Oct 15	Jan 1	-	-
Highmark	Oct 1	Dec 10	Oct 1	Dec 10
Imperial Health	-	-	Aug 31	Mar 31
Jefferson Health	Jun 30	Mar 1	-	-
Mending	Available until Dec 31, 2026			
Molina	Oct 1	Jan 31	-	-
Oscar Healthcare	Sep 1	May 31	-	-
Priority Health	Oct 1	Jan 10	Aug 1	Aug 31
SelectHealth	TBC		TBC	
SummaCare	Oct 15	Dec 12	-	-
UnitedHealthcare	Oct 1	Jan 31	-	-

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MEDICARE BLACKOUT PERIODS

Carrier	Blackout Start Date - With Release	Blackout Start Date - Without Release
Aetna	Oct 1	Jul 4
Alignment	Sep 16	Sep 16
Anthem	No blackout	Jul 1
Cigna HealthSpring	Sep 15	Jun 18
Christus	Sep 1	Sep 1
Devoted	Aug 14	Aug 14
Emblem Health	Sep 30	Sep 30
Freedom	Jul 1	Jul 1
Gold Kidney	Oct 15	Jul 18
HealthSun	Jul 1	Jul 1
Highmark	Oct 1	Oct 1
Humana	Jul 15	Jul 15
Jefferson Health	Jul 1	Jul 1
Memorial Hermann	Sep 1	Sep 1
Molina	Oct 1	Oct 1
Priority Health	Oct 1	Oct 1
SCAN	Sep 16	Sep 2
Select Health	Oct 1	Jul 1
UnitedHealthcare	Sep 1	Jun 1
Wellcare	Sep 21	Aug 8
Zing	Oct 1	Oct 1

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