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**TO:** All Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans, Prescription Drug Plans (PDP), Religious Fraternal Benefit Plans (RFB), Special Needs Plans (SNP), and Cost Plans

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**SUBJECT:** Contract Year (CY) 2025 Online Enrollment Center (OEC) Special Enrollment Period (SEP) Code Updates

This memo provides updated information about the SEP codes presented in the Online Enrollment Center (OEC) on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). CMS is re-issuing **Appendix B: CY 2025 Special Enrollment Period (SEP) Codes** to reflect the following updates:

- OEC SEP code “DEP” has been added:
  - “I have Medicare and Medicaid, or I get Extra Help paying for Medicare drug costs. I want to switch to a different Medicare drug plan.” This version applies when the beneficiary is moving from a standalone PDP into another standalone PDP.
  - “I have Medicare and Medicaid, or I get Extra Help paying for Medicare drug coverage. I want to drop my Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage and return to Original Medicare and join a separate Medicare drug plan.” This version applies when the beneficiary is moving from an MA-PD plan into a standalone PDP.
    - The “DEP” code corresponds to MARx Election Type Code (ETC)-Q (Dual/LIS MN SEP), which becomes effective on January 1, 2025.
- OEC SEP code “INT” has been added: “I have Medicare and get full Medicaid benefits. I want to join or switch to a plan that coordinates coverage between my Medicare and Medicaid managed care plans (called an integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-

SNP)).” The “INT” code corresponds to MARx ETC-P (SEP IC), which becomes effective on January 1, 2025.

- OEC SEP code “MDE” is being removed: “I have both Medicare and Medicaid, my state helps pay for my Medicare premiums, or I get Extra Help paying my Medicare drug coverage.” The “MDE” code corresponds to MARx ETC-L (Dual/LIS Quarterly). This change becomes effective on January 1, 2025.

For technical assistance with HPMS, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either [hpms@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:hpms@cms.hhs.gov) or 1-800-220-2028.

For questions on the MARx SEP reason code updates, please contact the MAPD Help Desk at either 1-800-927-8069 or [mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov).