

Understanding Custom C&D's Blackout Period

WHAT IS A BLACKOUT PERIOD?

During a predetermined time frame each year, certain deliverables will be unavailable.

WHICH PROJECTSARE INCLUDED?

• **New** client meetings

- **New** web guides
- New videos
- **All** branding
- All wellness/ non-OE deliverables
- All non-client projects

WHY IS THERE A BLACKOUT PERIOD?

Maintaining the quality and integrity of client work is the **top priority** for the custom C&D team, especially during Open Enrollment (OE). To help us accomplish this during our busiest season, we use a blackout period to **limit non-OE projects** and focus on this important time for our clients.



WHEN IS THE BLACKOUT PERIOD?*

The blackout period runs from mid-August to mid-November each year. Any projects listed above that are not completed before the blackout period begins will be **put on pause** until the blackout period ends.

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JAN 1 TO AUG 14 GET BLACKOUT PROJECTS STARTED EARLY! AUG 14 TO NOV 17 NO PROJECTS FROM BLACKOUT LIST NOV 17 TO DEC 31 PROJECTS

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HOW TO PREPARE

If your client is considering items from the blackout list, reach out to your consultant and **get started today** so you don't have to wait until after Q4. Remember, we also have an array of **Core C&D communications**, including benefit guides, OE announcements and more, to help your clients get important information to their employees.



As always, your **friendly neighborhood C&D team** is here to guide you and to help answer any questions, comments or concerns you may have.

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