

Steps to Medicare

A checklist for turning 65



When you're first eligible for Medicare, you have a seven-month initial enrollment period to sign up for Part A and/or B. That seven-month enrollment period begins three months before your birthday month, and ends three months after your birthday month.

Follow these simple Steps to Medicare to explore your options and enroll.

Step 1 — Sign up for Medicare parts A and B!

✓ Sign up for Medicare, beginning 3 months before your 65th birthday

How? If you have not received your automatic enrollment information in the mail, it's time to sign up! Fill out the form online by going to medicare.gov and clicking on "Apply for Medicare" on the home page. Or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213, TTY 1-800-325-0778. You can also visit your local Social Security office.

Note: The Social Security agency handles Medicare enrollments. Follow this link to get a checklist to expedite the enrollment process:
<http://www.ssa.gov/hlp/isba/10/isba-checklist.pdf>

Step 2 — Do your Medicare homework

✓ Contact your doctors to see if they accept Medicare

Why? Not all doctors accept Medicare or participate in all Medicare Advantage plans.

How? Call your doctors directly and ask if they accept Medicare and if so, what Medicare Advantage plans. You can also see if they're listed on the Medicare.gov directory. Visit Medicare.gov and click on "Find doctors & other health professionals" on the home page to use the easy search feature.

Step 3 — Explore your options and enroll

✓ Explore your options for purchasing supplemental health insurance

Why? Original Medicare (Parts A&B) doesn't cover everything. You may want to consider enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan or supplementing Original Medicare with a Medicare Supplement plan. And you may also need Medicare Part D Prescription Drug coverage.

How? Call us!

At Get Benefits, you can speak with a Licensed Insurance Agent who will explain your options, give you a price quote, answer your questions and help you enroll!