

Get Ready for Medicare Checklist



It's almost time to enroll in a Medicare plan. Use this helpful checklist to make sure you are ready. It's ideal to complete it three months before your 65th birthday.

Sign up for Medicare

If you're turning 65 in the next three months — or are over 65 — and AREN'T already receiving Social Security benefits:

You need to sign up for Part A and/or Part B. Visit [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to apply online or call Social Security.

If you ARE already receiving Social Security benefits by the time you turn 65:

You'll be automatically enrolled in Part A and Part B. Medicare will send you your Medicare card before you turn 65 with information on how to disenroll from Part B, if you wish. If you don't get your Medicare card a few months before your 65th birthday, call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213** from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CT, Monday-Friday (TTY: **1-800-325-0778**).

Decide if you want Original Medicare alone or if you want extra coverage and benefits

If you just need prescription drug coverage, select a private standalone Part D plan. If you want medical coverage with or without Part D, select a private Medicare Advantage plan or Cost plan. Private Medicare Supplement plans also provide medical coverage but not Part D drug coverage.

If you want flexibility to travel and want to pay a flat fee for your health care costs, consider a Cost plan or Medicare Supplement plan, if available in your area.

Note: Medicare Supplement plans don't include prescription drug coverage.

Cancel your current individual health plan if you're transitioning to Medicare

Your plan won't automatically cancel once you sign up for Medicare or a Medicare plan. After you enroll in Medicare Parts A and B (and a private Medicare plan if you want one), you should schedule your individual plan to end on the last day of the month before the month that your new Medicare plan begins. For example, if your Medicare coverage begins Feb. 1, you'll want your individual plan coverage to last through Jan. 31 so you have no gaps in coverage.

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