

Turning 65 soon?

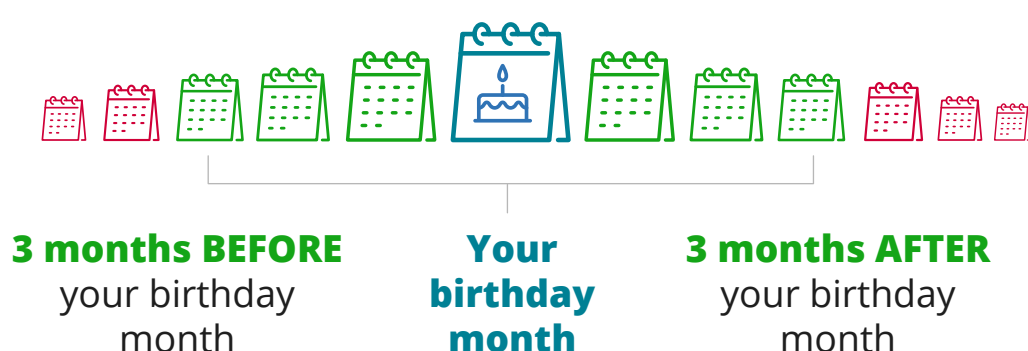
Your Initial Medicare Enrollment Checklist is Here



Enrolling in Medicare can seem scary, but it doesn't have to be. We've put together this checklist to help you prepare for this important milestone.

When to Sign Up for Medicare

There's a special time to sign up for Medicare called your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP). It's a **7-month window around your 65th birthday**:



★ **TIP:** Be sure to sign up during your IEP to avoid any issues or penalties!

How to Prepare for Your Initial Enrollment Period



1. Learn the A-B-C-Ds of Medicare

Medicare has different parts, each helping with something different:

Part A - Hospital Help: Helps with hospital stays.

Part B - Doctor Help: Helps with doctor visits.

Part C - Medicare Advantage: These plans are offered by private companies and bundle Part A, Part B, AND often Part D. Many also offer additional routine benefits.

NOTE: You have to be enrolled in Original Medicare **before** you can learn about the Medicare Advantage plans available to you.

Part D - Medicine Help: Helps pay for medications.

★ **NOTE:** If you choose Original Medicare (A & B), you'll usually need a separate Part D plan for your medications.



2. Gather Personal Information

You'll need your Social Security number, proof of age, proof of citizenship, and most recent contact info to enroll.



3. Think About Your Current Health Insurance

Do you have health insurance from work? Or your spouse's work? Find out if it works with Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage. Calling your insurance company will help you determine this.



4. Know How to Sign Up

You can apply for Original Medicare in the following ways:

- Online at www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare
- Calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-877-486-2048)
- Visiting your local Social Security Office

★ **NOTE:** If you already get Social Security benefits, you'll likely be signed up for Original Medicare automatically.



5. Mark your calendar!

Write down your 7-month sign-up window so you don't forget!

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- ☐ Learn about Parts A, B, C, and D
- ☐ Gather personal information
 - ☐ Social Security card
 - ☐ Birth certificate, passport, or another form of identification for proof of age and U.S. citizenship
 - ☐ Updated contact information (address, email, phone number, etc.)
- ☐ Check my current health insurance
 - ☐ Current health insurance info (carrier, coverage, etc.)
 - ☐ List of current doctors and specialists
 - ☐ Preferred hospital(s)
 - ☐ List of medications
- ☐ Determine how you'll sign up
- ☐ Mark your calendar!