

Your Medicare Checklist

Follow these simple steps
to help you stay on course.

6 months
before your
65th birthday

- ☐ **Learn about Medicare and what Original Medicare (Part A and Part B combined) does and doesn't cover.** Original Medicare covers only about 80% of health care costs. You'll want to learn everything you can about Medicare so you can get the coverage you need.
- ☐ **Review your current health care coverage.** It's important to review the details of your current health care plan so you can decide on the type of benefits and coverage you'll need for Medicare.
- ☐ **Get familiar with your Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP).** Your IEP is the seven-month window in which you can enroll in Medicare. It's based on the month you turn 65, so you'll want to mark your calendar accordingly.

4 months
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- ☐ **Find out which Medicare plans your current health care provider accepts.** Some health care providers don't take Medicare. Be sure to check with your doctors to see if they accept Medicare.
- ☐ **Attend a webinar or local Medicare learning session.** Learning sessions are a great way to get familiar with Medicare and connect with experts and peers.

3 months
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- ☐ **Apply for Original Medicare.** During your IEP, you can apply for Original Medicare with the Social Security Administration. You'll need to do this before enrolling in a Medicare plan with a private health insurance company like HealthSpring.
- ☐ **Recommended: Enroll in a Medicare plan that offers additional coverage.** If you need more benefits than what Original Medicare provides—like prescription drug, vision, dental, hearing and more—you'll want to enroll in a Medicare plan that provides you with the coverage you need.



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