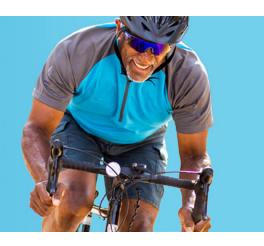


# The Via Benefits Medicare To-Do List

Follow these steps to be sure you're prepared for Medicare enrollment.





#### Six Months Before You Turn 65

- Confirm your eligibility for Medicare by contacting the Social Security Administration (SSA) online at ssa.gov, by phone at 1-800-772-1213, or in person at a local SSA office.
- ✓ Begin understanding how the different parts of Medicare work:
  - Medicare Part A inpatient hospital coverage
  - Medicare Part B outpatient/doctor services
- <u>Learn about coverage options</u> beyond Parts A and B (Original Medicare):
  - Medicare Supplement/Medigap plans Supplemental coverage that "fills in the gaps" left by Parts A and B
  - Medicare Part D Prescription drug coverage, usually paired with a Medigap plan
  - Medicare Advantage plans Provides comprehensive coverage; most plans also include drug coverage

#### **Four Months Before You Turn 65**

- Make a list of the prescription drugs you are currently taking and how you receive them (mail order or local pharmacy).
- Go online or call Via Benefits to fill out your Profile with your doctors and prescriptions.
- √ Visit <u>our website</u> or call Via Benefits to schedule your enrollment call and take your Pre-Enrollment Assessment: 1-866-322-2824.

#### **Three Months Before You Turn 65**

- Enroll in Medicare Parts A and B during your Initial Enrollment Period (keep a lookout for your Medicare card in the mail). Scroll to the next page for step-by-step instructions to sign up online with the SSA.
- Call Via Benefits to enroll in coverage during your enrollment call, or sign into <u>my.viabenefits.com</u> to shop for plans online.
- Call Via Benefits if you have questions.

### How to Sign Up for Medicare Parts A and B Online

- Visit the Social Security Administration <u>sign-up</u> <u>page</u>. Scroll down and select "Apply online."
- Follow the onscreen instructions. When you reach this page, select "Start a New -Application."
- 3. Follow the onscreen instructions. Create an online account if you don't yet have one, then sign in. On your main dashboard, select "Your Benefit Verification Letter."
- **4.** Select the Adobe PDF link to download and view Your Benefit Verification Letter.





## Congratulations - you've signed up for Medicare Parts A and B

Keep Your Benefit Verification Letter in a safe place. The important pieces of information you need to retain are:

- The date your hospital insurance (Medicare Part A) begins
- The date your medical insurance (Medicare Part B) begins
- Your Medicare Number

#### **Medicare Information**

You are entitled to hospital insurance under Medicare beginning February 2020.

You are entitled to medical insurance under Medicare beginning October 2021.

Your Medicare number is 1EG4TE5MK72. You may use this number to get medical services while waiting for your Medicare card.

Watch the mail for your Medicare card to arrive. Even if it doesn't arrive in time, you can use this information at any point to sign up for additional Medicare coverage with Via Benefits.



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