

# Navigating Medicare Checklist

As you prepare for Medicare, use this checklist to keep yourself on track. If you ever have questions, call to speak with one of our local sales advisors at **844-255-5131** (TTY 800-947-3529), Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. From **October 1–March 31**, we are available seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## 6 Months Before You Turn 65

- ☐ **Learn the Basics of Medicare**
  - Medicare Part A and Part B (Original Medicare)
  - Medicare Part C
  - Medicare Part D
- ☐ **Compare coverage between Medicare and your current health insurance plan**
  - Does your (or your spouse's) work history qualify you for coverage?
  - How does this coverage work with Medicare if you keep the coverage after age 65?

## 5 Months Before You Turn 65

- ☐ Call us at **844-255-5131** (TTY 800-947-3529) or download a Your Options Guide from [networkhealth.com/your-options](https://networkhealth.com/your-options).
- ☐ Learn about penalties and delays that can occur if you don't enroll in Medicare
- ☐ If you plan to enroll during your initial enrollment period, set a reminder for three months before your 65th birthday
- ☐ Compare Medicare plans and coverage options at [networkhealth.com/plans](https://networkhealth.com/plans)

**Keep these questions in mind as you review the available plans**

- ☐ Will I have access to the hospital and doctors I would like to use?
- ☐ Is my personal doctor in the network?
- ☐ Will I need a referral to see a specialist?
- ☐ Will the plan cover me if I get sick in another state?
- ☐ What will my prescription drugs cost?
- ☐ Are my drugs on the plan's drug list (formulary)?
- ☐ Does the plan include pharmacies I currently use?
- ☐ Does the plan have a good quality rating?

## 3 Months Before You Turn 65

- ☐ **Enroll in Medicare Parts A and B during your initial enrollment period**
  - If you are currently collecting Social Security or Railroad Retirement, your Medicare card will come automatically
  - If you are not collecting Social Security or Railroad Retirement, you will need to apply for Medicare through Social Security
- ☐ **Enroll in your Medicare Advantage Plan**
  - Once you receive your Medicare card, you can enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan
  - Call Network Health at **844-255-5131** or visit [networkhealth.com/enroll](https://networkhealth.com/enroll) to enroll in a plan

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