

# Medicare Enrollment Checklist

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## Before You Turn 65

- ☐ **Mark your Initial Enrollment Period**
    - ☐ 3 months before, the month of, and 3 months after your 65th birthday
  - ☐ **Confirm eligibility**
    - ☐ U.S. citizen or legal resident for at least 5 years
  - ☐ **Decide if you need Medicare right away**
    - ☐ If you have employer coverage, **check** if you should delay Part B
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## Gather Required Information

- ☐ Social Security number
  - ☐ Proof of age (birth certificate)
  - ☐ Proof of citizenship or legal residency
  - ☐ Current health insurance details
  - ☐ List of current prescriptions and providers
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## Enroll in Medicare

- ☐ **Sign up for Medicare Part A and/or Part B**
    - ☐ [Social Security website](#)
    - ☐ Or call 1-800-772-1213
  - ☐ **Consider a Medigap (Supplement) plan**
    - ☐ If choosing Original Medicare, to help cover out-of-pocket costs
  - ☐ **Decide between Original Medicare (with Medigap plan) or Medicare Advantage (Part C)**
    - ☐ Compare coverage, provider networks, and extra benefits
  - ☐ **Consider a Part D (Prescription Drug) plan**
    - ☐ Even if you don't take prescriptions now, enrolling can help avoid penalties later
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## After Enrollment

- ☐ Review your Medicare card for accuracy
  - ☐ Set up an online Medicare account at [Medicare.gov](#)
  - ☐ Notify your healthcare providers of your new coverage
  - ☐ Review coverage annually during Open Enrollment (Oct 15 – Dec 7)
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## Avoid Penalties

- ☐ Enroll in Part B and Part D on time, unless you have qualifying coverage