

Your Countdown to Medicare Checklist



This simple checklist will help you prepare for Medicare.

6–12 months before you turn 65

- If applicable, meet with your HR department at your current (or former) job. Ask about retiree benefits and how to claim them.
- Write down what your monthly income will be after your retire. Then make a list of current expenses. Keep in mind that your medical expenses may increase over time.
- Meet with a financial advisor to go over your pension or 401(k) plan and create an income distribution plan.

4–5 months before you turn 65

- Learn more about Medicare and Medicare prescription drug plans: what they cost, what they cover, how and when to enroll.
- Call Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama to learn more about our Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement and Prescription Drug plans. Find a plan that fits your needs and budget.
- Review your Social Security statement to make sure all your information is correct. Confirm your eligibility for Medicare benefits by contacting the Social Security Administration at www.socialsecurity.gov or 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday – Friday.

0–3 months before you turn 65

- Enroll in Medicare Part A & Part B by contacting the Social Security Administration at www.socialsecurity.gov or 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday – Friday.
- Enroll in a Blue Advantage® (PPO) Medicare Advantage plan, OR a C PlusSM Medicare Supplement plan with a BlueRxSM (PDP) Prescription Drug plan.
- Make sure you've received your Medicare card. After enrolling in a plan, make sure you receive your health and/or drug plan card.

Questions?

Call us at **1-855-828-3982 (TTY 711)**

8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week*

or go to **planning.BCBSALmedicare.com**



We cover what matters.

*From April 1 to September 30, on weekends and holidays, you may be required to leave a message. Calls will be returned the next business day.

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