

New to Medicare Checklist

Before you are eligible for Medicare or ready to retire, use this guide to help you make timely and informed decisions.

4-6 months before you are eligible:

- Confirm your eligibility for Medicare benefits
 - Contact the Social Security Administration
- Review your current health insurance to see what happens after you become eligible for Medicare
 - Ask your HR department or contact Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE) to learn more about your options
- Find out what Medicare covers and the different options for coverage
 - Register for a seminar at [Medicare.NebraskaBlue.com/Seminars](https://www.medicare.nebraskablue.com/Seminars) or request a copy of your “Retiring with Confidence” brochure from BCBSNE

3 months before you are eligible:

- Check with your doctor(s) to see if they accept the different types of Medicare coverage
 - Contact your providers and local hospitals
- Decide which Medicare option is best for you
 - Call **800-991-5650** to speak with a BCBSNE representative who can help you navigate your Medicare options

1-3 months before you are eligible:

- Enroll in Medicare A and B
 - Contact your local Social Security office
 - If you are going to continue to work, enrolling in Part B may NOT be your best option at this time
- Enroll in a Medicare Supplement OR a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan
 - You only need one of these options. Do NOT enroll in both Supplement and MA plans!
 - BCBSNE offers various MA and Medicare Supplement plans. Call us to find out what plans are available in your area!
- Enroll in a Part D Prescription Drug Plan
 - All BCBSNE MA plans offer drug coverage, so you do NOT need to enroll in a separate Part D plan
 - If you choose Medicare Supplement, BCBSNE also has Part D prescription drug plans to meet your needs

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Social Security Administration

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SocialSecurity.gov | 800-772-1213

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Contact for questions on Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare Advantage (Part C) and Prescription Drug Plans (Part D) coverage, claims and appeals.

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Nebraska SHIP

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