

New to Medicare – Checklist

If you are retired and approaching age 65, follow these simple steps to prepare for Medicare.



6-8 months prior to 65

- Check with your healthcare providers to see if they accept Medicare.
- Start researching Medicare Advantage plans that best fit your lifestyle & budget.
- [Watch this video](#) to help you get to know the basics of Medicare.
- [Watch this video](#) to get ready to enroll.
- [Download](#) **“Your Step-by-Step Guide to Medicare”** to understand your enrollment options, key dates, what’s covered and much, much more.



3 months prior to 65

- Enroll in Medicare Parts A & B.
- Apply for a Geisinger Gold Medicare Advantage plan.** Be sure you have your Medicare Parts A & B effective dates when enrolling.
- [Watch this video](#) to get the facts about Medicare Advantage plans.
- [Watch this video](#) to get the most from Medicare Part D.
- [Download](#) the **“Guide to Geisinger Gold”** to help you choose the Medicare Advantage plan that’s right for you.



65th Birthday

- Enjoy your special day!
- If you have yet to enroll in Original Medicare and a Medicare Advantage plan, you still have time! Remember, you can enroll anytime within the month of your 65th birthday and the three months after.
- Shop and compare plans [online](#).

We’ll help you every step of the way.

Call **800-479-6281 (TDD: 711)**, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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