

Checklist: 6 Things to Do When You Get Medicare

1. Fill out an "Initial Enrollment Questionnaire".

Make sure your medical bills are paid correctly and on time by filling out Medicare's Initial Enrollment Questionnaire and sending it to Medicare, or complete it over the phone or by mail.

2. Fill out an Authorization Form

Medicare can't give personal health information about you to anyone unless you give permission in writing first.

3. Make a "[Welcome to Medicare](#)" Physical Exam Appointment

This free, one-time comprehensive exam is offered during the first 12 months you have Medicare.

4. Sign up for MyMedicare.gov

[MyMedicare.gov](#) is a secure online service where you can access your personal Medicare information 24 hours a day, every day.

5. Choose and Join a Medicare Drug Plan (Part D)

If you're new to Medicare, you have 7 months to join a Medicare drug plan.

6. Download a Copy of "Your Medicare Benefits"

Medicare's official "[Your Medicare Benefits](#)" publication explains the rules about which health care services and supplies Medicare covers.

Medicare Supplement -Help for What Medicare Doesn't Pay

Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans, such as the plans sponsored by the ASME, provide supplemental insurance, to help pay some healthcare costs traditional Medicare does not cover (like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles).

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